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Peace meeting appears likely

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

While Jerusalem had yet to make it official, (as of The CJN's Monday deadline) Israel's acceptance of U.S. proposals for a Middle East peace conference was a mere "formality," Defence Minister Moshe Arens said on a nationally televised news program Sunday.

"I think we are very close to an agreement that would allow the initial meeting to take place and then break up into bilateral talks," Arens said on ABC-TV's *This Week With David Brinkley*.

"At this stage of the game, I consider it to be no more than a formality," Arens said.

It was uncertain, however, if Jerusalem would make a formal announcement before U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev began their summit meeting in Moscow on Tuesday.

The Bush administration had expressed hope that the Israeli decision would come before the Moscow summit.

But Arens maintained Sunday that Israel does not "really feel we are being pushed" by the United States.

"It is now clear that after 43 years, the Syrian leader, Hafez Assad, is ready to sit down and negotiate directly with Israel," Arens said. "I consider that to be a significant step forward."

Arens also said that the United States and Israel have agreed that the Palestinian representatives in the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation not include any members of the Palestine Liberation Organization or residents of Jerusalem. But the Palestinians have so far refused this condition.

Bush has called on both Israel and the Palestinians to agree to the conference despite their reservations.

Arens said the conference would be a one- or two-day affair, which would be followed by "direct, bilateral negotiations" between Israel and Syria, Israel and Lebanon, and Israel and the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Arens refused to repeat the position enunciated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Israel will never withdraw from any of the territory taken in 1967.

The Israeli government's position has always been "we are ready to sit down and negotiate without preconditions," Arens said.

"I think it should be everybody's position that we should not pre-empt the negotiations and try to determine right now what their outcome should be."

Arens expressed the belief that through direct negotiations, an agreement could be reached with Syria. He refused to comment on whether Israel would be ready to give up any part of the Golan Heights.

But he noted that Israel has legitimate security concerns about the Golan Heights. The Syrians "want to forget that for many years they terrorized the Israeli settlements in the Jordan Valley, didn't let people go to work, didn't let children go to school," Arens said.

He added that in 1967 and 1973, Syria used the Golan Heights to launch "Pearl Harbor-type attacks on Israel."

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who also appeared on the ABC program, said that Israel could withdraw from part or all of the Golan Heights "if a proper security system could be set up."

"They are in a very difficult position," he explained. "They are surrounded by 100 million Arabs that have not accepted them up to now. They cannot afford a single mistake."

FEEDING THE BEARS

When President Herzog visited Bern, Switzerland in 1987, he received a gift of two Syrian bears. The bears are the symbol of the Swiss capital. The two bears, Bonnie and Clyde, have since given birth to two cubs. The two cubs are shown here with their keeper Avi at the Ramat Gan Zoological Centre. [IPPA photo]

Isaac Bashevis Singer

Isaac Singer brought Yiddish tales to life

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Isaac Bashevis Singer, winner of the 1978 Nobel Prize for Literature who died July 24 in a nursing home in Miami, was remembered for the salty blend of religion, sex and mysticism that permeated the pages of his Yiddish prose.

He put the world of Eastern European Jewry, both religious and profane, on the world's literary map, most popularly through the films adapted from his novels, *The Magician of Lublin, Yentl and Enemies: A Love Story*.

His fascination with the denizens of New York cafeterias resulted in a critically acclaimed made-for-television Public Broadcasting Service drama, *The Cafeteria*.

He was known for his strictly vegetarian diet, which he adopted aboard the non-kosher ship that brought him to America and never abandoned.

For years following his arrival in America, Singer wrote stories for the Yiddish daily Forverts (Forward), laden with sex and strange, other-worldly characters.

"A lot of Yiddish readers did not like these kind of stories," recalled Joseph Mlotek, managing editor of the Forverts.

"A lot of readers even sent in protest letters about why these stories are printed," said Mlotek, who first met Singer in the 1930s in Warsaw, at the Yiddish Writers Union.

At first, Singer did not write under his own name, and his short stories and literary essays appeared under a variety of pen names, including D. Segel and Y. Warshawsky.

"Many, many writers, when they wrote not poetry or novels, preferred not to write under their owns names," Mlotek said.

In later years, Singer's work — and name — appeared in *The New Yorker*, bringing him world attention and, ultimately, the Nobel Prize.

Fellow-Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel worked with Singer on the Forverts from the late 1950s until the late 1960s. "I used to go home with him on the subway.

"He sometimes used a self-deprecating humor, and that was his charm," he said.

"I think he wanted to lead a double life," Wiesel reflected, "living among Polish Jewry at the same time that he lived in modern America."

Wiesel also remembered another duality in Singer's life. "He disdained literature but he lived as a writer," said Wiesel.

Singer's evocations of the shtetl were among the last literary glimmers of a lost world. "We write about them, as we cannot resurrect anything. "We can be writers, not magicians," he said in 1984.

He began his career writing in Hebrew, then chose Yiddish in an effort to reach a larger audience..

Singer, who was 87 at the time of his death, wrote virtually all his novels and stories in Yiddish.

After coming to America in 1935, he wrote, too, about exotic Jewish characters on Manhattan's Upper West Side, in cafes in Buenos Aires and Tel Aviv and in Yiddish literary clubs in Paris.

His first English translator was writer Saul Bellow, who himself went on, in 1976, to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Singer was the last surviving sibling of a family of three outstanding writers, and a younger brother, Moshe, the only one to follow in the father's footsteps and become a rabbi.

Two other siblings died of scarlet fever.

Older brother I.J. Singer (*East of Eden, The Brothers Ashkenazi, Yoshe Kalb, The Family Carnovsky, The New Russia*) was Singer's refuge in America, and his ticket to the pages of the Forverts.

There was, too, a nearly unknown sister, Esther Kreitman, older than Singer by 13 years. Kreitman's autobiographical novel, *Deborah*, published in England, told the story of a woman in an Orthodox Jewish home with no

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Canada

Johnston chairs church council

Life experiences fuel questions about faith's pillars

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Heather Johnston remembers Kristallnacht very well. She was a small girl, sitting in her classroom in the old city district of Marburg, Germany, "when someone suddenly yelled 'fire!' and we all ran to the window."

The synagogue was on fire and although the experience stands out in her mind because "the building burned to the ground, the tremendous meaning of that, of course, came much later."

Another incident, which she cannot recall but was told about, occurred in the mid-'30s during her first year at school. The teacher was talking about Hitler "and how lucky we were to have him as our Fuehrer, and I put up my arm and said, 'I don't think my Daddy likes Hitler very much.'

"And this teacher, thank God, came to our house in the dead of night and said to my father 'you'd better be careful what you say in front of your daughter'."

Her father was the Lutheran bishop-elect of the province of Hessen and also, secretary to Pastor Niemoeller, head of the German church's opposition to Hitler, who was incarcerated in Sachsenhausen and Dachau.

Dr. Heather Johnston

Even before Kristallnacht, Johnston, one of five children, was "very much aware of the tension between what I wanted to believe in — the Hitler movement, Hitler Youth, what we were taught in school — and what I imbibed at home."

(Her father, "an intellectual; a thinker and not a practical person," who continued with his underground church activities until sent to the front in 1943, died in a Yugoslav PoW camp.)

Johnston today is chairman of Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation, a group formed in the late 1970s and originally named National Tripartite Liaison Committee.

In the lovely old stone house below Hamilton mountain that serves as manse for McNab Presbyterian Church, of which her husband, the Rev. Dr. John Johnston, is minister, she talks with characteristic openness of the influences that have shaped her; of the questions that began to trouble her as she rose in her career from member of the family life committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) to the PCC's convenor of the committee on ecumenical relations to being the first Presbyterian and first woman from Canada elected to the World Council of Churches in 1975 and to her election in 1979 as the first lay president of the Canadian Council of Churches; of how some of the answers to these questions have begun to profoundly shake "the pillars of our faith," and of her hopes for the future.

Most of all, Johnston wants to learn and to understand, a quest fuelled by her wide travels and the opportunities to meet with people of all races and faiths afforded through her involvement in the church and participation in international conferences.

Trained as a nursery school specialist after the war, Johnston discovered a gift for languages during two unhappy years (but valuable, as a lesson for life) in England as a nanny and housekeeper.

Language studies in Heidelberg, Oxford and a year as an au pair in France followed and eventually led to a job with the Lutheran World Federation department of information in Geneva, where she met her husband.

They settled in Ottawa in 1957, where Dr. Johnston served as director of church extension for the Presbyterian church of Canada and where their two sons and daughter were born.

In 1964 they went to Nigeria but their stay ended abruptly two years later after a near fatal car crash. In 1967 the family moved to Hamilton and Johnston became a founding member of the Hamilton Multicultural Society and Centre, the start of what has become an international career in race and interfaith relations.

Johnston's first contact with what is now the Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation came during her term as president of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Chairman since 1987 and nearing the end of her term, she describes the last four years as, "the most valuable and forming in that dialogue."

Christian groups are starting to realize, says Johnston, how anti-Semitic "the basic teaching of our church has been."

She observes that it is often at the "hierarchical level, at the top, that people don't meet" and stresses that it is "very important that the leaders and the decision makers also get together."

Johnston talks of the need for open, non-judgmental discussion of each others' concerns, of the need to listen to each group's perceptions, of learning to share and of dealing face-to-face with people.

And she also notes that Canadian Jewish Congress (executive vice-president Alan Rose is CCJC's secretary) sees this dialogue "as a very vital part of its life and being."

The need to listen to the concerns of others led to the CCJC's first trip to Israel last December in order to meet with representatives "of the entire kaleidoscope of opinions" from militant Palestinians to hardline Jewish settlers.

"We had no idea how this would affect our group, whether it would split us asunder or (not)."

But instead, recalls Johnston, who had visited Israel four or five times before, "sitting around the table and listening, one at a time, to these two extremes and everything in between, had the opposite effect.

"It absolutely made our group. It was an excellent opportunity for dialogue and sharing."

Johnston finds herself in the forefront of those in the Christian community "who feel that dialogue with the Jewish people in particular, but also with the other living faiths, is absolutely vital. There is no way," she declares, "that we can continue to live in this blessed isolation."

A commitment to the working man

Union activist fights for discrimination-free workplace

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

David Rapaport expects that the election of the New Democrats to head the government of Ontario will make both his jobs somewhat easier.

A systems analyst with the ministry of education, Rapaport's direct employer is the provincial government. And as recently elected fourth vice president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), the 43-year-old labor activist believes the NDP will be "a lot more labor friendly than the other parties."

Rapaport, a quiet individual whose understated exterior hides a strong commitment to the working man, says government employees should expect better treatment now than under previous administrations. A host of political changes and an increased degree of sensitivity to the needs of working people is something he believes is in the cards.

Rapaport says public service members expect changes in collective bargaining legislation to allow for negotiations on pensions, training and the organization of work.

In addition, OPSEU is calling for the NDP to stop the process of contracting-out work to private consultants.

As a vice-president of the 105,000-member union, representing Toronto, it is Rapaport's task to see to it that union locals are being serviced properly — that their grievances are being properly handled, that safety matters are being addressed, that services are being provided and that workers' interests are being advanced in collective bargaining sessions.

But beyond these traditional aspect of labor activities, Rapaport is enthusiastic about some of the social policy aspects that OPSEU is involved in. Issues of job security, privatization, education and social issues like housing are on his, and the union's, agenda.

A member of the local's human rights committee, Rapaport was involved in a recent human rights case in the downtown Mowat Block, where many civil servants work.

A rash of neo-Nazi activities, including racist graffiti and the assault of an Oriental man in the building's basement, galvanized the union, he said.

It rapidly launched an anti-racist campaign and filed a grievance, arguing that the workplace must be made safe and free of all forms of discrimination.

As a result, quicker cleanups of the graffiti has been promised as well as the posting on each floor of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Believes in trade union principles

For his part, Rapaport finds his new position at OPSEU quite demanding. He regularly puts in about 20 to 25 hours per week, in addition to his day job.

A provincial government employee since 1984, he became involved with the union a year later "because I believe in trade union principles. I believe workers have rights at work, they have the right to fair wages and working conditions, health and safety and dignity, and the best way to assure those rights is through a union."

His first position was as shop steward for local 503 and from there, went on to become a member of the local's executive.

Between 1987-88 he sat on two negotiating teams and has helped organize regional committees for OPSEU region 5 around issues like technological change and job security.

A native of New York who moved to Canada in 1968, Rapaport recalls that growing up, his parents always identified with the aims of the working person. His father, Alexander, was a member of a machinist union.

Rapaport believes his Jewish background contributed to his desire for social justice and he sees himself as "part of [a tradition of] Jewish labor activism."

Union representative David Rapaport

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DANCING WITH NEW OLIM

A group of Canadian university students, in Israel for a Network leadership training seminar, greeted a planeload of newly-arrived Soviet olim with a song and dance. The plane was designated as the one that Canadian students sponsored during their 1990-91 Operation Exodus on Campus campaign, a national program of the United Israel Appeal. Students from campuses across the country, as well as some high schools, raised $140,000 in the campaign.

Congress sponsors trip

Ethnic leaders meet Israeli PM Shamir

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Israel views the recent change in Syria's diplomatic position as opening the door to negotiations with its Arab neighbors, a group of Canadian ethnic leaders was told in a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"We must start negotiations and we want to start them now," Shamir is quoted as telling a delegation of 22 leaders representing 18 multicultural groups.

"For the first time, Syria is ready to negotiate with Israel. . .We welcome the change that has started in the Syrian position," the Prime Minister is quoted as telling the delegation.

The group was in Israel on a mission sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress.

Congress spokesman Mike Cohen said the mission participants were chosen from among ethnic leaders who voiced their support for Israel during the Gulf War.

Congress President Les Scheininger and Moshe Ronen, chairman of the national executive, felt it was imperative that these leaders be brought to Israel to see firsthand the circumstances faced by the Jewish state, Cohen said.

In addition to the meeting with Shamir, the group was scheduled to meet with Foreign Minister David Levy and Canadian Ambassador Michael Bell. They also visited an absorption centre as well as the Golan Heights.

The mission is similar to those taken by Jewish groups visiting Israel, Cohen said, with the added hope that the participants return to Canada as goodwill ambassadors for the Jewish state.

Among the participants in the Congress "Ethnocultural Mission" were:

- Alain Jean-Bart, president of the City of Montreal Advisory Council on Intercultural and Interracial Relations and president of S.O.S. Racisme.
- Maggie Ip of Vancouver, chairman of the United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society.
- Adrien Maris, president of the Montreal Hellenic Community.
- Joan Jones, member of the Afro-Canadian Caucus of Nova Scotia.
- New Brunswick political columnist Don Hoyt.

Other groups represented included the Japanese, Polish, Hispanic, Italian and Portuguese communities.

State of Israel Bonds organization considering move to Toronto

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The State of Israel Bonds Organization, which has had its Canadian headquarters in Montreal for the past 40 years, is seriously considering a move to Toronto.

Bonds Montreal chairman and national treasurer Lawrence Bessner said he feels the move is "inevitable," although the matter is not resolved.

Bonds executive vice-president Julius Briskin emphasized that the pros and cons of a transfer have been under discussion and a clearer picture of where the organization is going may be known in a month's time.

Certainly, no move will be made before Bonds' lease is up on its University Street office at the end of 1992, said Briskin, who is retiring "as soon as I can find someone to replace me."

Those in favor of heading to Toronto — which includes most of the organization's leadership in that city — cite its being the financial centre of Canada, its larger Jewish population and the fact that more Bonds are sold there already, said Bessner and Briskin.

Those opposed point to the psychological blow to the Montreal Jewish community that would result from the transfer of a head office of a national organization, as well as the costs of the move, including settlements with employees and rents.

Bonds will maintain a Montreal regional office, they say.

Bessner, who said he is in favor of the move, said discussion has been going on over the past year, back and forth. He said there should be little practical effect on the Montreal Jewish community, as Bonds campaigns will continue as in the past.

Head office operations are largely of a bookkeeping nature, not felt by the general public, he explained. In addition, public relations would be handled at the head office, he said.

A Toronto location will be a "PR benefit" for Bonds, Bessner believes, given that so many banks and other financial institutions are headquartered in Toronto.

The organization is about to launch "in late August or early September" the first-ever issue of Israel Bonds in Canadian dollars at functions in Toronto and Montreal. Briskin said the project is a "fait accompli" at this point, and only a few legal details remain to be ironed out.

"I have no problem at all with moving [the head office] to Toronto. The name of the game is Israel: if they can raise more there, I say God bless them."

Briskin, who has been involved with Bonds for 40 years as a lay person, legal counsel and, for more than 10 years, as its top professional, has reservations about a move.

"A move is complicated; it raises many issues. It will incur quite a lot of cost. I don't subscribe to the idea that bigger is necessarily better. Albany is a lot smaller than New York City, but it's still the state capital."

A Montreal vice-chairman, Leonard Wolman, said it was his understanding from a national Bonds board meeting in Toronto about a month ago that the move to Toronto has been "agreed to in principle."

He said a consensus was reached on the issue, "without any great opposition. "Most sales are made in Toronto, and there's a strong move by the lay people in Toronto. A number of Montreal top people said it was inevitable...There's no way we'll be here in 1992."

Increasingly, Bonds sales will be made to financial institutions and through corporate functions, he said, and Toronto is the obvious base for such activities. Briskin's retirement has apparently given the transfer notion momentum, because it will be easier to find an administrator of the calibre needed to work in Toronto, Wolman thinks.

Most of the other long-time employees are nearing retirement, too.

The motive to move is "strictly a case of dollars and cents," he said, and should not be perceived as a reaction to the political situation in Quebec.

BB reacts to Halifax violence

HALIFAX —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada is deeply concerned by the escalation of racial tension in Halifax. Recent incidents between members of the black community and local institutions have revealed areas of tremendous concern.

"We can no longer simply dismiss this problem without looking into the matter through real community consultation and cooperation," stated Steve Zatzman, vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada.

"Regardless of your opinion of fault in specific incidents, there is a larger systemic issue that is at the root of recent events.

"We call on all members of the community to develop a process which recognizes that a problem exists and to seek ways to alleviate the concerns in the short and long-term.

"No one is served if we continue to be polarized and defensive. The time has come, indeed is long overdue, for entering into dialogue where all issues of racism and human rights can be addressed and where effective action can be taken to resolve the current and underlying problems."

The League for Human Rights, a national organization dedicated to combatting racism and bigotry, has worked with a number of vulnerable minorities and institutions in order to develop effective dialogue throughout the country, and to implement anti-racist education and municipal race relations training programs.

Zundel bail application denied

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A judge of the Supreme Court of Canada has turned down an application by Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel to vary the terms of his bail to allow him to publish materials connected with the Holocaust.

In a two-page order issued recently, Justice Peter Cory ruled that a single judge of the High Court did not have jurisdiction to resolve a bail challenge based on Charter arguments.

However, Cory left open the door to such a challenge in the future, saying "the dismissal of the application is without prejudice to any steps [Zundel] may be advised to take to have the issue considered by the court."

Zundel was convicted under the "false news" section of the Criminal Code for publishing a pamphlet, *Did Six Million Really Die?*, which denies the Holocaust and which he knew to be false. He has appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, arguing the section violates Charter rights of free expression and fundamental justice.

Following his conviction and pending his appeal, bail terms were imposed on Zundel under which he was ordered not to "publish or distribute. . . anything in support of or in furtherance of the views and assertions of fact contained in the publication that is the subject of [the] conviction."

Noting that a significant period of time may elapse before the Supreme Court disposes of the matter, Cory said that "in some circumstances a sweeping ban on the expression of opinion of one professing to be a publisher by occupation could have serious consequences and might infringe Charter rights."

Jamie Klukach, one of two Crown lawyers acting on the case, told The CJN that Zundel has yet to file legal documents that would lead to a hearing of the case by the Supreme Court.

In an affidavit submitted by Zundel to the High Court, the convicted falsifier said the bail term in question "is broad, vague and ambiguous and has restricted me protesting my innocence or expressing my views in public, which supports, or could be viewed as supporting or furthering the views or assertions of fact contained within the publication."

He also states that he is "having severe difficulties applying this bail order. . . to my day-to-day affairs as a publisher in relation to the subjects about which I wish to publish."

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CANADIANS MEET SOVIET OLIM

Julia Koschitzky (right), president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, talks with Marian Zaretsky, 14, from Moscow, at the central train station in Budapest. Marian and her family had just arrived from the Soviet Union and were on transit to Israel. The meeting took place as a delegation of Canadian leaders visited Budapest to participate in a conference of Keren Hayesod (World UIA). The Canadian group went to the station early in the morning to meet the Russians.

New rules for social workers designed to benefit public

VICTORIA —

Effective immediately, social workers in British Columbia who want to enter private practice must register with a 12-member board of registration, or be already employed by one of a number of specific institutions.

This change in the Social Workers Act was announced by the Social Services Minister Claude Richmond.

The change in the act "protects the title of social worker and specifies the conditions under which individuals may represent themselves as social workers," said Richmond.

He said the board of registration will have to approve all applications for registration as a social worker and will investigate complaints relating to professional competence. "This ensures that only qualified individuals represent themselves as social workers," the minister said in a press release.

Contravention of the act is subject to penalties including possible legal action and fines.

Richmond said the new regulation "ensures that the general public will receive service only from trained social workers . . . and if someone is dissatisfied with the service received, there is a procedure in place to register a formal complaint."

Most candidates ignored issue

Socreds avoid religion debate

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

That contentious clause in the B.C. Social Credit Party's constitution calling for the promotion of "the universally recognized principles of Christianity," which was dropped at last year's annual convention did not emerge as an issue at the recent Socred leadership convention — but the memory lingers on.

Only one of the five candidates running for the leadership, Norm Jacobson, ventured into the religious minefield. In his speech to the delegates Jacobson, a millionaire logging industry official, said: "I believe Christian faith is something that does not detract, but rather adds to a politician's ability to serve."

But he didn't elaborate. However, 159 delegates must have agreed with him because that is the number of votes he got of the 1,847 ballots cast. He was knocked out of the race after the first ballot.

Duane Crandall, a Seventh Day Adventist, wasn't even on hand for the balloting because the vote took place on a Saturday, which is his Sabbath. He got 35 votes.

The leadership convention was held because the former Socred leader and B.C. premier, Bill Vander Zalm, was forced to resign in April when he mixed his private business with his public duties as premier. Lt.-Gov. David Lam revealed a day before the convention that had Vander Zalm not resigned, he would have fired him — which his "constitutionally-inherited powers" would have permitted him to do.

Rita Johnston was selected by the Socred caucus as Vander Zalm's interim successor, and the leadership convention confirmed her in the job by a vote, on the second ballot, of 941 over the party's "establishment candidate," Grace McCarthy, who chalked up 881 votes. Three male contenders were knocked out after the first ballot.

According to Douglas Todd, the Vancouver Sun's religion reporter, the party's evangelical, anti-abortion faction is pleased that Johnston has retained the leadership.

"Even though Johnston is not a regular churchgoer, evangelical Christians like her conservative 'family' values and will work to persuade her to take a stronger anti-abortion position," Todd speculated in a July 22 story.

Todd claims in his story that evangelical Socreds could represent 10 to 30 per cent of the party and "have long been furious at McCarthy and many said they probably would have left the Socreds if she had won the leadership."

Todd says roughly 150 evangelicals left the 1990 convention floor after the commitment to Christian principles was removed.

In a story on June 14, 1990, The CJN reported that McCarthy favored dropping the Christianity clause "because we are, after all, a political organization, not a religious organization."

McCarthy said then that broadening the constitution was more important than the concern of groups who favored retention of the Christianity clause.

The Christianity clause came under close scrutiny after the party's annual convention in October of 1989 when a Jewish delegate, Michael Levy, failed in an attempt to get the clause deleted on the convention floor. He was jeered by some delegates after making his proposal and while stalking out of the convention hall. Levy served as commentator for one of the local TV stations at the leadership convention.

The constitution now says the party recognizes "the supremacy of God and the rule of law," which is a phrase used in the preamble of the Canadian constitution.

British Columbia now faces an election, which must be held before the middle of October, when the Socred five-year mandate runs out.

B.C.'s private schools seen as cost effective

VICTORIA —

Private schools, even though subsidized by the provincial government, save the province of British Columbia millions of dollars annually, says the education minister, Stanley Hagen.

"Each student enrolled in an independent school represents a significant saving to the taxpayers of B.C.," said Hagen in a statement issued recently.

"If the 40,000 students enrolled in independent schools in 1990/91 had attended the public schools, the cost to B.C. taxpayers would have been $202.9 million rather than the $79.6 million the government provided in independent school grants.

"In addition to saving approximately $123.3 million, the public has saved millions of dollars that would be necessary to build hundreds of new schools to accommodate these young people," Hagen said.

The minister pointed out also that the parents of these 40,000 independent school students "contribute to the full support of the public schools, like all other taxpayers, and then must pay for the tution of their children to attend independent schools. Clearly, independent schools are not being 'pumped up' at the expense of the public schools."

Hagen issued his statement in response to a complaint from the British Columbia Teachers' Federation that funding for public schools is being diverted to independent schools. (The 1991-92 education budget allocates government grants to the independents totalling $91.9 million, compared with $40.7 million in 1987-88).

Hagen said independent schools are an important part of the mix of education offered to the people of British Columbia. "They are cost-effective and serve, in the end, to strengthen the British Columbia school system."

The minister said the government "supports the concept of choices for parents in how they wish to educate their children. These choices include the public school system, correspondence and distance learning, home education and independent schools . . . The growth in each of these options over the past decade makes it clear that parents not only want these options but are prepared to exercise their right as to how their children will be schooled."

The three Jewish day schools in Vancouver, the Vancouver Hebrew Academy, Talmud Torah and Maimonides Hebrew High School, with a total of about 550 students, are amongst the independents which get government grants (CJN June 13).

Three B.C. Jews receive OBC

VICTORIA —

Three Jews were among the 17 British Columbians presented with the Order of British Columbia at the investiture ceremony held at Government House here in mid-June.

The OBC is presented to citizens who have made an "outstanding service to the province," and is the highest form of recognition extended by the B.C. government.

Lt.-Gov. David Lam presented the medals to Jack Diamond, Dr. Vivien Basco and Jack Bell, all members of Vancouver's Jewish community. Diamond, a Negev Dinner honoree, was profiled in the June 6 issue of The CJN.

Basco, who has served as chairman of the breast screening committee of the Canadian Cancer Society of B.C., is a specialist in diagnosing cancer and was recognized as the driving force behind the establishment of the province's screening mammogram program, said to be the first of its kind in Canada.

"Mammography is important in saving lives," said Basco. "It can reduce the breast cancer death rate by about 30 per cent."

Originally from England, Basco came to Vancouver in 1954 and joined the Canadian Cancer Society, becoming involved in breast cancer work in 1979. Her team helped set up and promote the screening program to the medical profession.

She said she regrets that disagreement between specialists has delayed implementation of parallel programs elsewhere in Canada. In B.C., she said, "all of us, radiologists, surgeons, pathologists and people with administrative experience, are pulling in the same direction."

Jack Bell, a former Montrealer, is a well-known philanthropist who recently financed the building of a native Indian longhouse near the University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology. He has provided "living wills" and "dying with dignity" literature for the terminally ill and has just given $100,000 to Operation Exodus. His beneficiaries have also included the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

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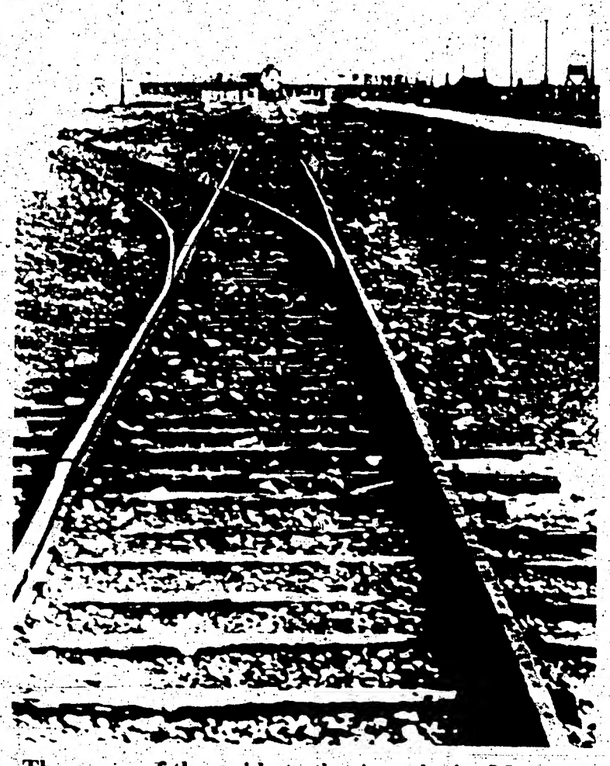

The cover of the guide to the Auscshwitz Museum.

Canada objects to camp guide

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A new official Polish government guide to the Auschwitz Museum states that sterilization experiments by Nazi doctors including the notorious Dr. Mengele, were carried out on Slavic men and women.

Canadian members of an international advisory committee to the museum have sent a strong letter of protest to the museum's director pointing out that these experiments were carried out on Jews, and demanding a total of 17 changes. In many sections, the guide does not say that more than 90 per cent of the victims were Jews.

April, 1964: "It was never in dispute that the Nazis were carrying out experiments to find out a method of sterilizing Jews, half-Jews, and quarter-Jews, and that practically all the 120 operations were an essential part of those experiments. To remove ovaries, and testicles, in order to submit them to laboratory examination, to find out what effect irradiation had, required a surgical operation."

The guide claims that the experiments in Block 10 were designed for "the biological annihilation of the Slavic peoples."

The Canadian letter was signed by Sigmund Sobolewski of Fort Assiniboine, Alta., and Mrs. Ronnie Tessler, Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society.

Others endorsing the protest were Hans Frankenthal, of Dortmund, Germany, 2nd vice-president of the international advisory commitee, and Carlos Rizowy, Association of Children of Holocaust Survivors, Chicago.

In a separate letter, Sobolewski, vice-president of the Auschwitz Awareness Society, has called for the resignation of Prof. W. Bartoszewski as chairman of the international committee. Sobolewski maintains that as Poland's ambassador to Vienna, and the holder of other government posts, Bartoszewski is in a conflict of interest position.

Sobolewski and Nathan Leipciger of Toronto have also complained about the postponement of committee meetings that were to deal with the establishment of a proper memorial to the Jews who rebelled at the extermination camp in Birkenau.

Available in Polish

The first publication of the new Solidarity government, the guide, issued in April, and so far available only in Polish, was described as "offensive, inflammatory, mendacious, and revisionist in nature," by the Canadians.

The letter said camp records and trials in England had proven that sterilization operations were carried out on Jewish women at Auschwitz, and that Dr. Wladislaw Dering, the surgeon in charge of Block 10, boasted of the removal of 60 Jewish testicles in a record time of two hours.

The letter also cited the judgment of Mr. Justice Lawton in an English court, following a trial in

Holocaust memorial ceremony held

French Jews recall dark day in history

By
—DAVID LAZARUS

PARIS, France —

Each year here in the City of Light, just two days after the July 14 Bastille Day celebrating the anniversary of the French Revolution, there is a darker commemoration.

At 17 rue Geoffroy-Assnier, one of the innumerable, tucked-away sidestreets that flow like tributaries of the Seine, French Jews remember the July 16, 1942 round-up and deportation of the Jews of France.

The site of this Holocaust memorial ceremony, attended by the community at large, survivor organizations and dignitaries, is Le Memorial du Martyr Juif Inconnu (the Memorial of the Unidentified Jewish Martyr), which looks like a stark, tiny version of Yad Vashem, located in Paris' old Jewish quarter. An eternal flame burns perpetually and the building also serves as a documentation centre, publishing material and chronicling for posterity what Elie Wiesel has termed the indescribable.

During a recent visit, the centre, currently undergoing some modernization, looked unassuming, with a lone Jewish sentinel sitting by the memorial's entrance.

But the memorial centre, 35 years old this year, is an important focal point for the 250,000 Jews of Paris, in fact, for all of France's Jews. Literature on the centre stated that many of France's young people have assembled before it spontaneously when the "honor and security of world Jewry and the fate of Israel are called into question."

One memorable rally took place in Novemeber, 1978, when Jews gathered at the memorial to rally against a resurgence of pro-Nazi activity in France.

The centre's brochure noted that the city council of Paris donated the land for the memorial "to the people who gave the world Moses, Jesus, Einstein and Freud."

The main part of the memorial is a "symbolic tomb" shaped like the Star of David containing the ashed of unidentified death camp and Warsaw Ghetto victims and rolls of parchment bearing the names of eradicated Jewish communities.

The memorial has been visited by thousands, ranging from former French premier Jacques Chirac, the late Moshe Dayan, and European Community president Simone Veil, to tourists and children of survivors. "I came here Papa, to remember you," the memorial's brochure quotes one 1979 visitor as saying.

By contrast, the documentation centre, officially called le Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine, has a more vibrant personality, displaying two floors of Holocaust material related to French Jewry and Jewish resistance, but also working against revisionist forces that try to deny or minimize the Holocaust, including, presumably, individuals such as right-wing French politican Jean-Marie le Pen.

The centre was founded in Grenoble in 1943 by Isaac Schneersohn while France was still under occupation. The centre's brochure points out that members of France's Jewish resistance started gathering evidence against the occupiers, "perhaps never imagining they were forming the foundation of an institution that, with its one million photographs and 30,000 volumes, would one day become one of the foremost historical centres of World War II and an essential weapon in our battle against the falsification of history."

It is also pointed out that the centre, whose president is Serge Klarsfeld, responsible for tracking down the notorious "Butcher of Lyon" Klaus Barbie, continues to serve as a vital research centre for journalists, historians, researchers, writers, filmmakers and students.

For the world at large, the centre also publishes a quarterly review, *Le Monde Juif*, which has published about 50 works that can be found in university libraries throughout the world.

Singer brought stories to life

[Cont'd. from page 1]

room for women aspiring to anything other than an arranged marriage.

In fact, sister Hinde Esther, neglected by her parents, was driven to madness.

It is believed that the heroine of Singer's *Yentl, the Yeshiva Boy* was modeled after his sister.

So woebegotten was Kreitman, wrote Singer, that even his dedication to her in *The Seance* was gobbled up by a proofreader's dybbuk, who changed Hinde Esther to "Minda Esther."

Singer once read from one of his stories about a dybbuk proofreader who mischievously transposed his words from a love story to a typesetter across town who was printing a tabloid article about a murder.

Asked by reporters if he had seen the demons and dybbuks he so loved to write about, he would say he had "never met a single demon in New York."

But, "Singer, in his own funny way, would always knock on the door before he went into the house. He always wanted to let the demons know that he was coming in," recalled Singer's long-time secretary and frequent translator, Devorah Menashe Telushkin, who is writing a memoir, *The Master of Dreams*, based on her 12-year association with Singer.

the daughter of the rabbi of Bilgoraj. She was highly educated at a time when meaningful education for women was frowned upon.

Julius Adler, a Yiddish actor born in Bilgoraj, recalled Singer's father in that town, head sunk deep into his collar, his eyes always furtively darting away from any possible looks at women, a common practice among pious Jewish men.

Bathsheba, immersed in the rabbinical world of her husband, later denied her own independent inclinations and scorned her female first-born.

Her sons fared better in her eyes. Singer adopted his mother's maiden name, Bashevis, as his middle name.

In Warsaw, the Singer family settled on Krochmalna Street, where Reb Singer held sway in a traditional rabbinic court, which Bashevis Singer captured in his memoir, *In My Father's Court*, as did brother Joshua in his *Of a World That is No More*.

On Krochmalna Street, wrote Singer "were poor storekeepers or laborers, but there were many scholars among them, as well as idle urchins, criminals, people from the underworld."

Singer's last book, *Scum*, was published only this spring, but had been serialized in 1967 in the Forverts.

In Poland, Singer's works were published in Polish, but he declined to visit there, saying it would be "a terrible strain to see Poland without my people."

Singer's first wife, Runya, a devoted communist, would not accompany him to America. She took their child, Israel, to Russia. On Thursday, that son, Israel Zamir, who lives in Tel Aviv, was en route to New York for his father's funeral. Their relationship is known to have been strained.

Singer is survived by Alma, his second wife for some 50 years.

The funeral was held in New York where Singer lived for more than 50 years.

Declined to visit Poland

Father an Orthodox rabbi

"There was a very deep, deep part of him that believed in it," she said.

Singer was born July 14, 1904, in Radzymin, near Warsaw.

His father, Pinchos Menachem, was a devoutly Orthodox rabbi, and his mother, Bathsheba, was

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From left to right: Brian Lass, Israel Bond Chairman, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
Rabbi Henry Hoschander Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
Ambassador Yehuda Blum, Guest Speaker, Former Ambassador to the U.N.
Phil Beinhaker, President, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue
Jack Feintuch, Synagogue Division, State of Israel Bonds

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50 Years Ago

ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN RESUMED
LISBON, July 10, 1941 (JTA) —

An anti-Jewish campaign reminiscent of the campaigns conducted by the Nazis in the early days of their coming to power has now been started through the Reich by order of Joseph Goebbels, propagada minister.

The report is substantiated by the German newspapers. The entire Nazi press is utilizing the war against Soviet Russia to carry on its front pages atrocious anti-Jewish propaganda, including the obvious lies that Jews were helping the Soviets to shoot political prisoners prior to the retreat of Soviet forces from various towns.

Reports published in the *Berliner Boersen Zeitung* and in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* bear out the stories of the shooting by the Nazis of masses of Jewish civilians when they occupied the cities of Lemberg, Luck, Dubno and Rudni in Soviet Poland. The two leading Nazi newspapers carry long columns of descriptions how the advanced German troops "liquidated local Jewish Bolshevists" in these cities.

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NO U.S. VISAS
WASHINGTON, July 11, 1941 (JTA) —

The possibility of residents of Germany and Italy obtaining visas for the United States without first going to another country is excluded with the closing of the American consulates in those two countries. The U.S. embassies in Berlin and Rome will not issue visas.

Unless Nazi and Fascist authorities will give a person intending to leave either of these countries for the United States some documentary evidence of their willingness to allow him to leave, which he may send to a U.S. consulate in some other country, his possibility of obtaining an American visa appears hopeless.

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NAZIS EXHIBIT WAR PICTURES
LONDON, July 13, 1941 (JTA) —

Revolting scenes showing how advanced German troops are executing hundreds of Jews in the Russo-German war zone contained in a Nazi film which the Ministry of Propaganda exhibited in Berlin to a group of foreign correspondents.

The film, dealing with the "effects of modern weapons on human beings and animals," shows corpses stacked up in heaps. Jews are shown in the film being driven from their homes, herded together and marched off.

The film titles boast that the Jews have been overtaken by fate at last and allege that many of them are responsible for the German-Russian war.

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CATASTROPHIC FOOD SITUATION
STOCKHOLM, July 21, 1941 (JTA) —

The German press today carried articles openly describing the catastrophic food situation in Nazi-held Poland. The articles indicate that all the food available in Poland is being removed to feed the German soldiers wounded on the Soviet front.

Other reports from Poland state that there are many towns in the occupied territory where the Jewish population is completely without food. The mortality among children is very high in all sections because of the lack of milk.

The Joint Distribution Committee some time ago purchased in Switzerland 12,000 cans of condensed milk which were stored in Warsaw. Thus far only 7,000 cans of milk have been released for distribution under JDC auspices in Poland.

From all indications, it is assumed here that Jews in Nazi-held Poland will be dying by the thousands of hunger before the fields yield their new crop. Not much better are the prospects of Polish Jewry even after the harvest, since the entire crop is expected to be shipped into the Reich.

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HUNGARY DEPORTS JEWS
LISBON, July 22, 1941 (JTA) —

More than 6,000 Jewish refugees, the majority of them stateless, have been rounded up in Hungarian frontier districts and deported into Nazi-occupied Galicia.

Raids on Jews are being made also in Budapest with the view of ascertaining whether they are Hungarian-born. Those born in any of the former parts of Poland are herded into jails for deportation to German-occupied Poland.

Simon Wiesenthal Centre reports:

Grand mufti sought Hitler's help

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Haj Amin al-Husseini, the notoriously anti-Jewish grand mufti of Jerusalem, sought Adolf Hitler's help for an Arab version of the "Final Solution" to the Jewish problem, according to the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

The Nazi-hunting centre made the statement after analyzing documents uncovered at the United Nations archives in New York.

The mufti wielded considerable power as both the religious and nationalist leader of Arabs in Palestine and beyond during much of the British mandatory period. He fled to Nazi Germany in late 1941 and started a systematic campaign to extend the Nazis' anti-Jewish policies and methods to the Arab Middle East, in anticipation of the expected Axis victory.

One significant aspect of the find, said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Centre, is that it counters the longstanding argument among many Palestinians that while they had no part in Hitler's persecution of the Jews, they are paying the price for his crimes.

"The documents, in fact, show that the dominant leader of the Palestinian Arabs wanted to do to the Jews of the Middle East what Hitler was doing to the Jews of Europe," Rabbi Hier said.

After participating in a short-lived pro-German coup in Iraq, Husseini arrived in Berlin on Nov. 6, 1941, and over the next few months he sent 15 drafts to Hitler, proposing an official declaration by Germany and Italy on the Middle East.

In one of the French-language drafts, annotated in Arabic in the mufti's handwriting, he urged inclusion of the following statement: "Germany and Italy recognize the illegality of the 'Jewish Home in Palestine.'

"They accord to Palestine and to other Arab countries the right to solve the problem of the Jewish elements in Palestine and other Arab countries, in accordance with the interest of the Arabs and, by the same method, that the question is now being settled in the Axis countries.

"Under this agreement, no Jewish immigration into the Arab countries should be permitted."

At that time, the extermination of the Jews was already in full swing in the conquered Soviet territories, so there is little doubt what the mufti meant by solving the Jewish problem "by the same methods" employed by the Axis countries, Rabbi Hier said.

Husseini had a chance to press his points with the Nazi leader personally during a 90-minute meeting in late November 1941, which the mufti recorded in his own handwriting in a diary.

Hitler, according to the diary, assured the mufti repeatedly that the Jews were his foremost enemy.

"Primarily, I am fighting the Jews without respite, and this fight includes the fight against the so-called Jewish National Home in Palestine, because the Jews want to establish there a central government for their own pernicious purposes," the Nazi leader said.

He pointed out that "it is clear that the Jews have accomplished nothing in Palestine, and their claims are lies. All the accomplishments in Palestine are due to the Arabs and not to the Jews.

Husseini remained in Germany throughout the war, met again with Hitler, with SS leader Heinrich Himmler, and apparently with Adolf Eichmann, and "toured" some of the main extermination camps as guest of their commandants.

In 1945, the government of Yugoslavia under former partisan leader Marshal Josip Tito sought to indict him as a war criminal for his role in recruiting 20,000 Muslim volunteers for the SS, who participated in the killing of Jews in Croatia and Hungary.

He escaped from French detention in 1946 and continued his fight against the Jews, first from Cairo and then from Beirut, where he died in 1974.

The Husseini family continues to play a role in Palestinian affairs, with Faisal Husseini, whose father was the mufti's nephew, active as the leading spokesman for the Palestinian cause.

Under police investigation

Private member's bill would benefit Deri

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset approved, over government objections, a private member's bill that would require a public official who exercises his right of silence under police investigation to relinquish his office pending completion of the investigation.

The measure, which passed its first reading and must pass two more before becoming law, was introduced by Laborite David Libai, chairman of the Knesset's state control committee.

It was obviously aimed chiefly at Interior Minister Arye Deri, who has been under police investigation for the better part of a year for alleged financial improprieties.

Its reading in the Knesset coincided with the release of a report by State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat which not only excoriated the practices of which Deri has been accused but charged Deri specifically with mishandling huge sums of government funds.

The comptroller and the interior minister crossed verbal swords at a hearing before Libai's committee July 24. Deri said he accepted the report and vowed to implement its main recommendations.

Ben-Porat, a former member of the High Court of Justice, openly doubted his sincerity.

Her report charged that the Interior Ministry under Deri handed out some $38 million in government funds to religious institutions, mainly those affiliated with the minister's political base, the Orthodox Shas party.

According to the comptroller, those monies were disbursed without following proper legal procedure. In some cases, Deri's purpose was to win votes for his movement, the report alleged, noting that significant funds were transferred around election time.

Ben-Porat said she made her findings available to the police.

Deri accused the police of deliberately leaking material intended to discredit him and timing it to coincide with the comptroller's report.

The system Ben-Porat criticized allows the Interior Ministry to funnel public funds to favored institutions through local authorities, who depend on the ministry for their subsidies.

Deri, who says he would gladly submit to questioning by senior police officials, told the Knesset members he believed it was his task to "correct years of discrimination" against haredi institutions in general and Sephardi haredi in particular.

Haredi is the term used to describe the most strictly Orthodox communities. Shas is a haredi party with a mainly Sephardi constituency.

Knesset members on both the government and opposition sides of the house agreed that the abuses uncovered by the comptroller were common in departments of government, though probably most blatant in the Interior Ministry.

Israeli Interior Minister Arye Deri

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Canada's trade commissioner tries to secure housing deals

By
LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV —

When Louise Leger arrived in Israel to take up her post as Canadian Trade Commissioner, she was followed by 200,000 people.

Or so it seems to the New Brunswick-born diplomat whose term in Israel has coincided with the massive wave of immigration from the Soviet Union, an event that quickly determined her number one priority: getting housing contracts for Canadian firms.

"As soon as it became clear to us that the wave of immigration was about to become a flood and that a major building boom was imminent, we alerted Ottawa," recalls Leger. "Soon we were inundated with architects' drawings and construction firms' brochures."

Leger helped arrange visits to Israel for a number of Canadian builders and contractors. But to date not one Canadian firm has won a housing contract.

Leger, clearly disappointed about this, enumerates some of the obstacles that have prevented her efforts from bearing fruit.

First, she cites the 10 per cent tariff on pre-fabricated homes supplied from anywhere other than the United States and Europe (with which Israel has free trade agreements). "This amounts to a discriminatory tariff against Canadian builders and gives Americans and Europeans a clear competitive edge," she argues, noting that Canadian requests to remove the 10 per cent tariff have been turned down.

An Israeli offer to sign a free trade agreement with Canada, which would eliminate this tariff, has been greeted coolly by Canada. Leger acknowledges that the accord would not jeopardize Canadian trade in any way. But she says that Canadians are adverse to even the mention of the words "free trade."

"Many blame Canada's current recession on the free trade agreement with the United States, so it's extremely unlikely that the government will agree to sign another free trade agreement with anyone at this time. Even an offer by Japan was rejected recently," she notes.

In any event, the tariff issue has become less relevant since the enactment of a new Israeli law, forbidding the import of any prefabricated homes (so as not to take away jobs from Israeli builders). The rule stipulates that homes must be built with 75 per cent Israeli components. Foreign construction firms, including Canadian ones, are now looking at how to best exploit the remaining 25 per cent (which is not subject to tariffs). Most companies are looking for local Israeli partners.

But Canadian builders have come up against another obstacle as well. Initially Canadian building standards were considered acceptable by Israeli authorities. Leger recalls that a number of Canadian companies had their plans approved by the committee in charge. Later, the authorities withdrew this blanket approval of Canadian building standards, arguing that Israel is not used to wood frame construction which would have to be closely examined. Leger calls this position, "another non-tariff barrier," charging that it substantially increases the cost and time involved in submitting a building plan for approval.

"Canadians find it difficult to cope with these rapidly changing rules and tariff problems," she says.

Most recently, a delegation of Canadian builders that had been scheduled to visit Israel in July was postponed. The main reason — the members prefer to wait a few months to see how the new Soviet emigration law will affect the flow of Jews to Israel. Leger says she hopes to reschedule the visit for October, by which time the situation should be clearer.

Despite this string of setbacks, Leger remains optimistic and, in her own words, "stubbornly determined to make this effort bear fruit."

She notes that the last two months have seen an unprecented number of Canadian business people visiting Israel — some 70; of these, 50 were housing contractors. "Some of these people have already visited Israel three or four times and have submitted architectural plans. They have already invested a considerable amount of time and money in finding a niche in the Israeli housing market. I don't believe they're going to give up now."

Leger is also hopeful that after several months of studying Canadian building standards, the Israeli committee will soon grant its approval to the Canadian system.

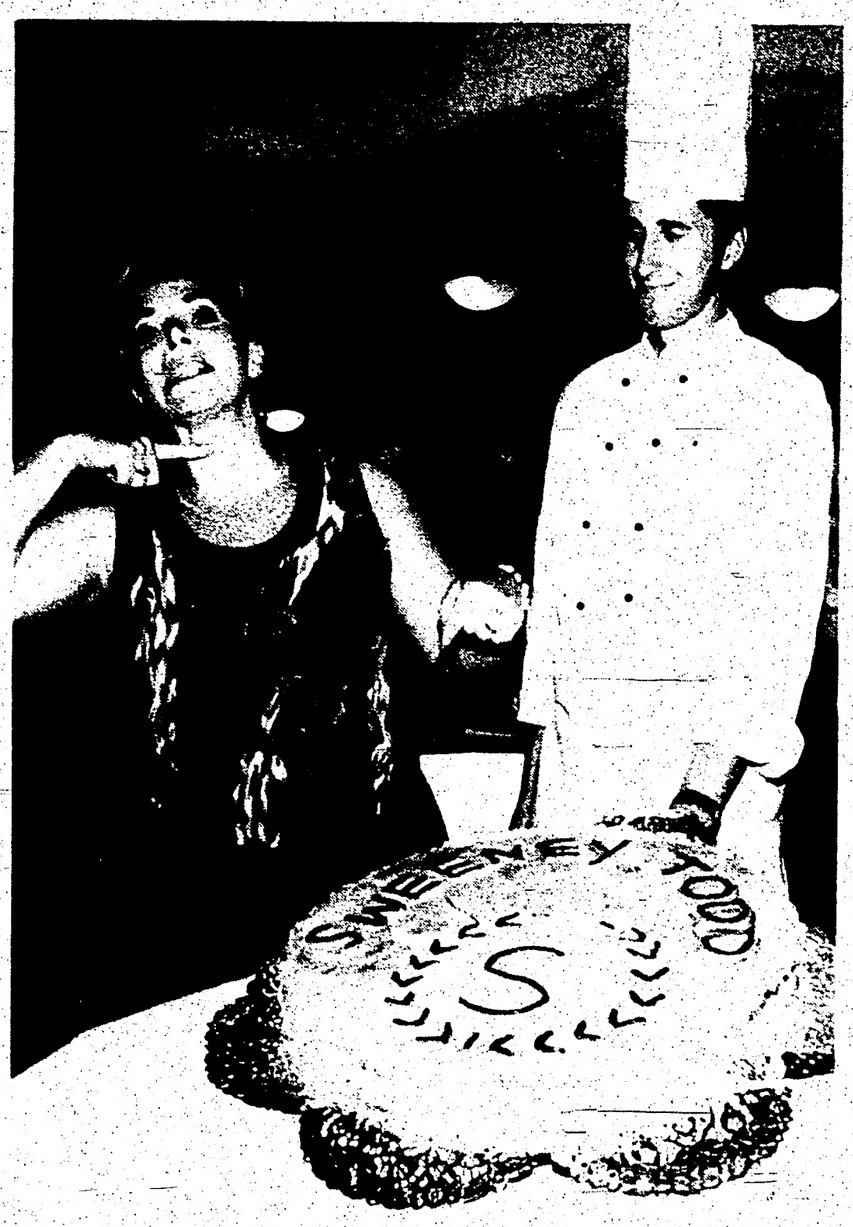
She also has her sights set on the next series of government housing tenders. "I definitely don't believe it's too late. Even if we put aside housing, I think this immigration has created many other opportunities. The rapid growth of the population will also require expanding the existing infrastructure. Israel will need more schools, hospitals, railroads, and energy — all of which are areas in which Canada has expertise."

As for housing, Leger says she believes it will take a long time until the market is saturated since there was a housing shortage in Israel even before the Russian immigration. In any case, she says, a number of the interested Canadian contractors have their sights on long-term ventures that go beyond the Israeli market. "A number of them are looking at setting up shop here permanently, with the hope of using Israel as a stepping stone to Europe. (Since Israel has a free trade agreement with Europe, a Canadian company that establishes a joint business with an Israeli firm would gain access to Europe.)

"This is an attractive incentive. It opens the way to what is expected to provide a major market in the near future — Eastern Europe. It's also important to form alliances like this in an age in which world trade is being conducted more and more along the lines of blocs. If you're not part of a trading bloc you're going to be left out."

It's clear that Leger feels a personal stake in the Soviet Jewish immigration. She doesn't speak of the number of immigrants that "Israel" is expecting, but rather the number of immigrants that "we" are expecting. "You do tend to identify with the country you're stationed in," she admits.

Perhaps the surest sign of Leger's confidence that her trade efforts will ultimately bear fruit is the fact that she plans to ask Ottawa to extend her three-year term (due to end in August 1992.) "I want to be sure that I'm around when Canadian construction projects in Israel finally do get off the ground," she says, smiling.



SWEENEY TODD

The new Israeli Opera production of Sweeney Todd recently opened in Tel Aviv's Noga Theatre. American opera star Timothy Nolen has the lead role in the story of the demon barber. The part of the baker is played by Robin Weizel Capsutto (left). The opening was celebrated at the Sheraton Hotel, where the chef presented the cast with a pie. [IPPA photo]

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Jewish Life

Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI
LEIGH LERNER

"Rabbi, why should I join a congregation? I never use the synagogue. If I go twice a year, it's a lot. I can live without it."

I've never heard people say about the State of Israel, "There's no point in my giving to Israel. I never use it. If I go once a year, it's a lot. I can live without it," despite the fact that they *don't* use it, they *never* go there, and they are living in a society which often acts as if it could easily do without the Jewish State. Why do people say such things about the synagogue?

You could argue that the synagogue is not as important as the State of Israel, but the merest glance at Jewish reality refutes the argument. Israel has not supplanted the synagogue, neither here nor in Israel and in the long centuries before the establishment of the State, the synagogue was the capital of the Land of Torah which we inhabited wherever we dwelt. It is there we pray, study, and congregate on holy days; this shapes our identity and our ethic.

Even today, when Jewish leaders want to develop support for Israel in a moment of crisis, the quickest way to reach the most committed Jews is to publicize the appeal through the syangogue on Shabbat or the festivals. In the main, synagogues are populated by givers and doers, the same people Israel needs to reach in the Diaspora. If you don't believe me, look at the surveys and ask Jewish leadership.

Truth to tell, the synagogue, along with the State of Israel, is one of the major pillars of Jewish existence in our time, even as in days past. We know what happens when there is no State of Israel: Jews are killed. We also know what happens when there are no synagogues: Jewish life slowly dies.

If we can no longer imagine Jewish existence without the State of Israel, try to imagine it without the synagogue, its Torah study and intellectual sparring, b'nai mitzvah, recitations of Kaddish, sweet wine and herring kiddush, Purim carnivals and Yizkor, its rabbis, chazzanim, and cast of congregational characters, its family ties, and its hope of justice for all. Perhaps these are not as immediately vital as a 747 full of refugees, but when the refugees' stomachs are fed and their backs are clothed, they'll be looking to find a home for their Jewish spirit, a synagogue to suit them.

We feel an obligation to support the infrastructure of Israeli Jewish life. But that is far away and perhaps more easily romanticized than the support of our local Jewish life through synagogues. Synagogues are close at hand, their foibles more obvious, their faults more readily seen. It is always harder to love what is near.

If you are not a member of a congregation, I don't ask you to love a synagogue, just to support one. Support a congregation, even if you don't use it, even if you only go twice a year, even if you can live without it. Someone else needs it to be there. Like Israel, it's a major factor of Jewish survival, well-deserving of contributions even from those who make little or no use of it. And who knows but that you may not have a time of need yourself?

And if you are already a member? Ask an inaffiliated friend to join you on the High Holidays at your congregation. Most people don't join synagogues because they've never been asked. Your invitation can open the door to Jewish living for someone close to you and help build your own community, as well.

Now, while the holidays are a month away, is the time to act.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is spiritual leader at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

An old lady takes a rest on the Western Wall Plaza of the Old City of Jerusalem.

New Aish HaTorah Centre slated for Jewish Quarter

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

In recognition of its many accomplishments as a leading international movement of Jewish education, the government of Israel has awarded the last remaining property on the Western Wall Plaza overlooking the Kotel to Aish HaTorah for the construction of an International Centre of Jewish outreach and leadership.

The thriving Jewish Quarter of the old city of Jerusalem, the focal point of Jewish prayer and life, was destroyed by the Arab legion army in 1948. All 57 synagogues were desecrated — yeshivas were set afire. The Jews were forced to leave the Old City, their home for centuries. Only one building stood, a memorial, facing the Western Wall.

In 1967, when the Jews returned to the Old City, they rebuilt a vibrant Jewish life in the quarter. The Western Wall — the last remnant of the Second Temple — has always occupied a special place in the heart and soul of the Jewish people.

In a message to Aish HaTorah, Chaim Herzog, the president of Israel noted, "Aish HaTorah has become a remarkably energetic and effective force for the transmission of the Jewish heritage . . . all would be inadequate without Aish HaTorah's emphasis on the roots of our Jewish heritage, the pattern of faith, belief and conduct which preserved the Jewish people through the ages."

Moshe Safdie, one of the foremost architects in the world, is working on the design and structure of the Aish HaTorah World Centre. His plan will integrate an innovative design with the unique character of the Old City and Jewish Quarter.

Study hall

In the new three-level centre, Safdie will consolidate Aish HaTorah's facilities which are now spread throughout the Jewish Quarter.

The new Aish HaTorah World Centre will feature a study hall overlooking the Western Wall, a dining room for students and guests and a state-of-the-art auditorium which will afford an outstanding panoramic view of the Western Wall and beyond. The centre will also have a Bais Midrash, conference area, classrooms, offices, and a guest apartment.

In 1974, Rabbi Noah Weinberg founded Aish HaTorah with two rabbis and five students in a one-room apartment. Today, 2,100 young people, taught by 50 rabbis, study and learn at Aish HaTorah in Jerusalem. Another 10,000 learn in Aish HaTorah's 12 branches around the world.

More than 50,000 Jews have expanded their knowledge of their heritage through Aish HaTorah's outreach programs. Some 300 of Aish HaTorah's graduate students are now rabbis and teachers and 18,000 people have participated in the world-famous Discovery programs which have been translated into Russian and adapted for Israel's newest arrivals.

In a message from Boruch Rabinowitz, director of the international building campaign, he says: By making a gift to Aish HaTorah Jerusalem Fund, men and women of great foresight and generosity will be inking permanently their good names with the heart and soul of the Jewish people and Israel — forever.

"Your participation in building the last remaining site facing the Western Wall will not only help build the Aish HaTorah World Centre, it will also signify a vital contribution toward building a Jewish future."

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Torah important in all its parts

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Before one discusses changing Jewish religious rituals, one must understand their fundamental premise.

That premise, said Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, spiritual leader of the Kielcer synagogue and professor of philosophy at Humber College, is embodied in the first commandment: "I am the L-rd your G-d, who took you out of the land of Egypt."

You must accept G-d's sovereignty over you, he said.

Speaking at the Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill, on the topic Jezebel Revisited: Reforming Judaism in Woman's Image, Rabbi Schochet said that any part of the Torah is equal to any other part.

"To deny any part of it is equal to denying the totality of it.

G-d expects certain things from us, he said.

"That's what our covenant with G-d is all about — An offer was made by G-d, and accepted by Israel."

This relationship, however, is meaningless, he said, if we don't accept the concept of Divine Revelation: of the divinity of G-d.

Contrary to popular belief, Jezebel was not without commendable attributes, the rabbi said.

She was known for, with perfect sincerity, showing sympathy and empathy for others' pain or joy.

The problem with her was, he said, that she followed her own inclinations as to how to behave, rather than obeying G-d's laws.

"If we rely on our own perception, we can reach the highest heights and the lowest abyss, especially when it comes to matters beyond human reality."

Rabbi Immanuel Schochet

Rabbi Schochet said he did not question the motives or sincerity of feminists who want a larger role in Jewish ritual, such as being able to wear a tallis or tefillen or being counted in the minyan.

The concept of needing a minyan for certain religious practices is not in the Bible, explained Rabbi Schochet, but is a rabbinic interpretation of the need for a quorum.

This quorum, he went on, the rabbis set as 10 adult men.

Harking back to his previous comment that you can't accept just part of the Torah, the rabbi said that if you renounce the rabbinic definition of a quorum, why have a quorum at all?

Feminist Blu Greenberg's frequently quoted statement "where there's a halachic will there's a halachic way." Rabbi Schochet called "a denial of underpinnings of halacha."

He objected to such feminist actions as the Women at the Wall, who, he said, make a public display during their services at the Kotel.

Religion, he said, is "an intimate affair, like the love between a man and a woman. We don't hold a parade or call the media about that."

The rabbi also pointed out that rules of religious practice have to do with the essential diferences between men and women, and is not a question of inferiority or superiority.

Rabbi Schochet added that the question of women and religious practice has nothing to do with the position of women in society generally.

A member of the audience asked whether, since just as women hearing the shofar was once not considered halachic and now is considered quite proper, might mitzvot such as wearing a tallis not eventually also become acceptable.

The rabbi said that he sees nothing wrong with a woman wearing a tallis in her home. In public, however, like in a synagogue, however, it "is certain to offend legal sensibilities, if not the strict letter of the law."

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Front Line

New peace initiative aimed at ending side-shows

ANALYSIS

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

On a quiet Shabbat morning, the day before James Baker came again, two police officers rang the bell at Ezer and Re'uma Weizmann's house in Cesarea to tell them that their son and his wife had just been killed in a road accident.

Shaul was 41. He had been severely wounded in 1970 on the Suez, when hit in the head by an Egyptian sniper and had not fully recovered since. That tragedy changed the life of his father, the once dashing commander of Israel's airforce.

Peace became his obsessive priority. He was the architect of the great Likud victory of 1977. Convinced by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's intentions, he and Moshe Dayan played a major role in the conclusion of the Camp-David agreements. Impatient with Menachem Begin's handling of the aftermath, he joined the Labor party of Shimon Peres, soon to be disenchanted with that party's inability to match his own pace.

He retired from public life, to reappear in the headlines now, on the tragic occasion of his son's death — one more late casualty of Israel's many wars. No other personal tragedy had so shaken the entire nation. Politicians of every color paused for a moment in deep reflection. The ominous date on the calendar was the 9th of Av and Baker was coming for the fifth time.

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This is my 11th column. In my first, on Feb. 22, when Scud missiles were still coming down on Israel, I wrote about the inevitable resumption of the peace process in the wake of the Gulf War: "It will be a lengthy process, not free of difficult moments, of uncertainty, danger and even pain. It may, for some, require a mental and territorial update of many cherished hopes and dreams. But this new reality will, in this crucial period of mass immigration and state building much better promote our essential national objectives, than the precarious status-quo."

I still think so, now that Baker came and left, this time preceded by the announcement that Syria had moderated its position, had said yes to U.S. President George Bush's peace initiative and had, according to the cool analyst of the London Economist "put Israel on the defensive." Baker's fifth mission has clearly revealed a new American strategy, aimed at brushing away all procedural side-shows and bringing about face-to-face negotiations between Arabs and Israelis. The Israeli reply is still unknown, but it seems that Baker's tactics, having obtained nearly all he wanted from the Arabs, may now induce Shamir to meet the challenge as well. It won't be easy.

Yeshayahu Anug

The American diplomatic effort, closely supported by the "Big Seven" (the G7) is now as much directed at avoiding a war as to pursue the arduous task of peace-making. The nuclear aspect of the Iraqi threat indicates what a new war could look like and why it must be avoided at all costs. A new therapy and new methods of persuasion will have to be applied. Incentives aiming at the economic development of the whole region may prove much more effective than warnings and threats.

Every party to the conflict will be made aware of what it has to gain by regional cooperation and of what it risks if it prefers stagnation. The direct negotiations, which the Israeli government repeatedly said it wants, are now offered by the American broker on behalf of the Arabs. A joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. invitation to attend a ceremonial "international conference" to serve as an opening to direct negotiations could soon follow.

Some Shamir-experts say that he will now call for general elections, either to mark time or because if he says yes, the ultra's in his coalition will threaten to leave it. Both assumptions may prove unjustified. Shamir critics say that he may be regretting his "no" to Baker's proposals of May 1990, after the secretary had worked very hard to implement the Shamir-Rabin initiative aiming at direct negotiations on the Palestinian issue only.

The government then fell and his new government started promoting the "two-track approach," that is negotiations with both Palestinians and Arab countries. This was at the time praised by Shamir's admirers as a very smart move, since results looked so utterly unobtainable. But now he got just that from Baker. Labor party leaders now say that by his diplomacy Shamir has brought Syria — and the Golan issue — upon himself.

Quite true, but also misleading as a durable argument, since in the meantime there was a Gulf War and shrewd Hafez Assad has "behaved" and just earned for himself some credit. His expectations would have surfaced sooner or later and would have had to be addressed one way or the other.

So let us assume that Shamir will now disappoint extremists and surprise skeptics by saying "yes" to the American plan. Israelis and Arabs will then soon be in the same boats. No illusions. Sailing in the rough seas will be very bumpy. All will experience severe sea-sickness. On the internal fronts rhetorics will be strident and extremists will do their utmost and may even use violence to undermine any progress, but as the parties will be in the same boats they shall have some motivation not to let them drown. The boats may still sink.

Some will even hope they will. But, regardless, to lure the parties into these fragile boats was Baker's priority now and his peace-brinkmanship may have succeeded at this point. The columnist of *Yediot Aharonot* who does not trust the Syrians, advised the government to carefully study the details of the Syrian position, because: "The alternative is between peace under non-ideal, but perhaps not unreasonable conditions — and the continuation of war."

While all this is unfolding, the unfinished war in the Gulf is still a major problem and only with Saddam gone, can the Arab-Israeli time-bomb be better de-activated. But this reservation applies to the eventual outcome of the process, not to its start. The American initiative is shared by Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union and its co-operation with western policies in the Middle East is taken for granted for as long as he is in command.

His political survival seems safer now, after the London meeting and the summit in Moscow. He is a strong personality, whose sudden appearance on the scene has shaken the pillars of the previous world order, based on the stability of mutual fear and has initiated a painful, but promising process of renewal. The Middle East is as much affected by all this as the rest of the world and Mr. Besmertnikh, the Soviet foreign minister, may soon take part in Middle-East political tourism.

For Ezer, the nephew of Chaim Weizmann, who is now mourning his son, and whose world has been so cruelly shattered, a glimmer of peace may offer just a bit of hope.

OPINION

Jewish tradition supports tougher gun control laws

By
MARC TANENBAUM

A continuous pattern of random and senseless shootings in virtually every major city of North America is making increasingly clear the convergence of Jewish and general social interests in containing the proliferation of firearms throughout the country.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Senate passed a strong crime bill containing a number of controversial measures aimed at reducing crime in America. The House is scheduled to consider such legislation by September.

Among the key features of the Senate bill are a ban on semi-automatic weapons and toughened penalties for criminals using guns.

Both positions, I believe, would probably find strong moral support in Jewish religious tradition.

According to Orthodox scholar and columnist for The Jewish Press in New York, Rabbi Chaim Lipschitz, among others, Judaism's attitude toward gun control may be learned from the Biblical and rabbinic teachings concerning the killing of animals.

A prominent criminologist, Dr. Georgette Bennett, in her recent study, *Crimewarps — the Future of Crime in America*, observes that "about 40 per cent of Americans own firearms. The vast majority own rifles and shotguns . . . rather than pistols," indicating an American love affair with firearms for sport — i.e., hunting.

Referring to the models of Samson and King David, Rabbi Lipschitz asserts that one is permitted to defend oneself from attacks by both animals and human beings. But the use of guns for the pleasure of hunting is forbidden. A person is permitted to hunt only that which is needed for food and not for recreation.

Using guns for sport violates the Biblical prohibition of "Ba'al Tashchit" — enjoining needless destruction — and constitutes "Tsa'ar Baalei Chayim" — the forbidden act of causing needless suffering to living creatures.

If it is forbidden to destroy or cause suffering to animals, how much more so should that apply to stop the killing of fellow human beings?

The overriding Jewish moral consideration is the talmudic dictum that "should anyone destroy a single life he shall be called to account as though he had destroyed an entire world."

For profoundly Jewish as well as simple human considerations, the Jewish leadership in America should be urging the passage of federal and state legislation that would establish a uniform licensing system for handguns that would keep guns out of the hands of anyone without a legitimate need for them.

How many more innocent people, both Jews and non-Jews, need to be destroyed before our government and politicians take effective steps to curb the unrestricted access to murderous weapons in America?

(Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, for 30 years the director of inter-religious and international relations at the American Jewish Committee, is now a lecturer, writer and consultant.)

Conditions favor release of hostages in Lebanon

COMMENTARY

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Are Israeli captives and Western hostages in Lebanon on the verge of being released?

Rumors to that effect are making the rounds in the Middle East, fuelled by reports that the hostages' ordeal may finally be coming to an end.

•In early June, the leader of the Party of God (Hezbollah), a pro-Iranian Islamic fundamentalist group in Lebanon, declared that he was prepared to act as a mediator in the release of hostages — provided Israel agreed to free several hundred Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners.

•Shortly afterward, the Tel Aviv daily Ma'ariv reported that a deal was in the works under which Arabs imprisoned in Israel would be exchanged for 12 Western hostages and seven Israeli servicemen in Lebanon.

•On July 3, Gen. Antoine Lahad, head of the Israeli-trained and financed South Lebanon Army, told Israel Radio that he was ready to trade some 300 Lebanese detainees for the Israelis.

•On July 18, pro-Iranian kidnappers released a photograph of Terry Anderson, an American who has been held since March 16, 1985. This suggested that his kidnappers are interested in freeing Anderson, who was the chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press.

Sheldon Kirshner

Apart from Anderson, the longest-held captive, pro-Iranian groups hold six other Americans, three Britons (including the hapless Rev. Terry Waite, who, ironically, was kidnapped while trying to free hostages), two Germans and an Italian.

Western nations and particularly Israel have used all the means at their disposal to gain the freedom of their nationals. In July of 1989, Israel went beyond the bounds of diplomacy when Israeli paratroopers abducted Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, a southern Lebanese Shi'ite preacher. The Israelis hoped to trade Obeid for their prisoners, but Hezbollah spurned the offer, and to this day Obeid is held incommunicado in Israel.

Israel's captives are: Zecharia Baumel, Yehuda Katz, Zvi Feldman, Samir Assad, Yossi Fink, Rahamin Alsheikh and Ron Arad. (In 1985, one of the captives, Hezi Shai, was returned in a prisoner-of-war exchange.)

Baumel, Katz and Feldman vanished on June 11, 1982, during the Lebanon War, in the Beka'a Valley. Later that day, they were reportedly paraded in the streets of Damascus. Syria claims it has no knowledege of their whereabouts.

Assad, a Druse, was kidnapped near Sidon in 1983 by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. In 1984, he appeared on a videotape distributed by the DFLP. Then the DFLP announced that Assad had been killed in an Israeli air raid.

Fink and Alsheikh were ambushed and taken prisoner inside Israel's self-declared security zone in Lebanon in 1986. Subsequently, Hezbollah broadcast a tape over Lebanese television showing a wounded Israeli soldier with a bandage on one eye.

Arad, a captain and a navigator in the Israeli air force, bailed out of his disabled Phantom on Oct. 16, 1986 in southern Lebanon. He was captured by Amal, the Shi'ite militia, and then handed over to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, which are stationed in the Beka'a Valley.

Arad's family has received mail and photographs from him — but the fate of his fellow Israeli hostages is shrouded in mystery. Israel can't even be sure that Assad is dead.

For a variety of reasons, this may be an opportune time to win the release of all the hostages:

•Iran, under the relatively pragmatic presidency of Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, wants to improve relations with the West and unfreeze $12 billion worth of Iranian assets in the United States.

•Syria wishes to build good relations with the United States now that the Cold War is history. Syria has close ties with Iran and is the dominant foreign power in Lebanon.

•The Lebanese government, backed by Syria, is gradually extending its control over Lebanon after years of civil war, and may, therefore, be able to influence the course of events.

Given these factors, there is more than a glimmer of hope for the hostages. They may be freed sooner than we dare imagine.

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Guilt admitted

In a courageous speech recently, Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky broke with the past and, on behalf of his country, formally apologized for the role Austrians played in the Holocaust. "We must not forget that there were not a few Austrians who in the name of this regime brought great suffering to others, who took part in the persecutions and crimes," he said during a parliamentary debate. "We own up to all facts of our history and to the deeds of all parts of our people. As we take credit for the good, we must apologize for the evil."

Until Vranitzky's painful, albeit oblique, admission, Austria basked in the self-delusionary haze that it bore no responsibility for Nazi crimes. Austrian leaders never tired of their myopic and morally bankrupt argument that their alpine nation had in fact been a *victim* of Hitlerian Nazism, a hoary myth that Hollywood films like *The Sound of Music* happily perpetuated.

It is, of course, true that in 1938 Nazi Germany annexed Austria and thereby gutted Austria's independence. But in their haste to whitewash Austria of its complicity in Nazi atrocities, the Austrian elite conveniently set aside the well-documented fact that Austrians rapturously welcomed Hitler to Vienna, and that Nazi ideology, including cancerous anti-Semitism, was deeply embedded in Austrian society. What's more, Austria contributed to the Nazi hierarchy a disproportionately large number of recruits, among whom were Hitler, Adolf Eichmann and Alois Brunner. Together with their legion of all-too-willing henchmen, they destroyed Austria's stability and its accomplished Jewish community, sending into exile the likes of Sigmund Freud, Stefan Zweig and Hermann Broch.

Belatedly, Vranitzky has faced up to the awful truth, and wiped the slate clean of its distortions, inaccuracies and outright lies. For this, Austrians should be thankful.

In a related development, the chancellor pledged to honor Jewish reparation claims, which were never seriously addressed. This is another step in the right direction. The Austrian government should be commended for its commitment to truth and justice.

Building over history

The insensitivity of some of the big multi-national corporations seems to know no bounds.

This appears to be especially evident in the decision of Tengelmann & Company, a German food chain (owned by A&P in the United States) to complete construction of a supermarket in a shopping centre situated on a cobblestone road built by slave laborers from the Ravensbruck concentration camp.

The New York Times (July 21) reports that the construction project has already drawn protests from Jewish groups, former inmates of the concentration camp and many other German citizens who believe that the projected structure constitutes an insult to the victims of Nazi barbarism.

The point is well taken. The Nazis incarcerated more than 132,000 people in Ravensbruck, a concentration camp located 60 miles north of Berlin. Almost 70 per cent of the camp's inmates — which consisted in the main of Jews, but which also had many Gypsies, nuns and Christians — was murdered by the Nazis.

Residents of Furstenberg, the town near the site of the concentration camp, have been pushing for the shopping centre because the departure of Soviet troops from this former East German enclave has created unemployment problems for the area.

The supermarket spokesmen have tried to appease protestors by saying that trees and hedges will hide their outlet from the road in question.

This temporizing has not and will not work. Renault, the French auto company which originally had intended to open a dealership in the projected shopping centre, has wisely chosen to drop its project. Tengelmann & Company has indicated that it is reconsidering its plans to operate a store, but it has not reached a definitive decision.

That decision should be negative. To build a supermarket on a road constructed with slave labor 600 yards from Ravensbruck concentration camp is an affront to the human beings who were brutally sacrificed on the altar of Hitler's insane racial and political policies.

If former residents of East Germany want to be integrated fully into Germany proper, they should realize that trivializing the Holocaust is an act that must be repudiated.

TO THE EDITOR:

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The Committee of the Auschwitz "Union" Survivors in Israel is attempting to identify and register all survivors of the "Union" munition factory in Auschwitz.

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With reference to the obituary notice concerning my husband, Henry Kreisel, by Ben Rose (June 13), I wish to say that I was touched by the mention of the friendship between our family and that of the Saginur family which endured over 45 years. Nathan, Sima and the then five-year-old Ruthie (Saginur) Zaionz were honored guests at our wedding in 1947.

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Esther Kreisel
Edmonton

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THE OTHER SIDE OF STORY

In their recent article on Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg and Prof. Sally Zerker show what happens when your argument is entirely one-sided: you fall flat on your face.

The point of their piece is that, on the issue of the settlements, the Arabs are really the ones to blame, for not accepting that Jews live in their midst.

Fair enough, but in their enthusiasm for the current Likud line our rabbi and professor omit the other side of the story — that the policy of Arab states like Syria and Saudi Arabia is hardly an appropriate charge against the Palestinians, who are officially committed to a two-state solution: that with something like five per cent of the population in these territories, the Israelis have expropriated about half of the land, that military rule over the West Bank and Gaza bristles with restrictions in order to favor the tiny Jewish minority, that the settlers' movement is inspired by militant "Greater Israel" objectives which have deep ideological roots in the Likud; that the Israeli prime minister is committed, so far as anyone knows, to yield "not one inch" of the occupied territories, and that the settlement issue remains extremely contentious among Israelis themselves.

If Israelis are ever to settle their quarrel with the Palestinians they will do so through some sort of promise over the territories in question. But that will require, as compromises always do, some effort to see how things look from the other side.

Michael R. Marrus
Canadian Friends of Peace Now
Toronto

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MEETS CHILD HE SAVED 45 YEARS LATER

In your June 27 edition, Janice Arnold reported a story which should have been attributed to my old friend, Marcel Chojnacki and not to me.

Marcel described how, as a 10-year-old boy, he pushed a three-year-old child onto a truck to escape the Nazis in Belgium. He met that boy, now a neurologist in Nebraska, at the "Hidden Child" reunion in New York last month.

Those who attended this gathering all felt the release of long repressed emotions. Many, myself included, were reunited with people we left in Europe some 45 years ago, but few encounters were as improbable and as dramatic as that of Marcel and the child he saved from certain death.

Ray van Frank
Montreal

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DEATH OF MRS. KUGLER

I am writing in reference to the letter to the editor regarding Mrs. Lucie Kugler that appeared June 13.

Lucie passed away on June 8, 1991 at Sunnybrook Medical Centre rather unexpectedly after her long battle with cancer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each person who made a contribution to Lucie. Your thoughts were greatly appreciated and your cheques will be forwarded to the Holocaust Education and Memorial Center in memory of Lucie.

I am sure Lucie would have appreciated your thoughtfulness.

The Family of Lucie Kugler
Toronto

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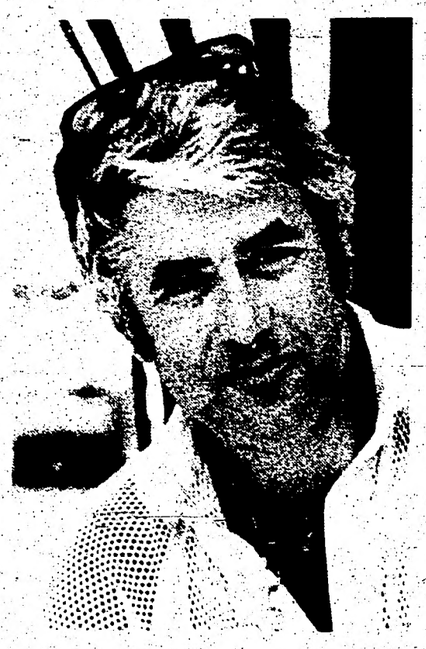

Jack Kuper

LIKED REVIEW

Thank you for the fine review of A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto — A Birthday Trip in Hell. It was much appreciated.

Jack Kuper
Toronto

Editor's note: Jack Kuper produced and directed A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto.

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QUESTIONS REVIEW

Sheldon Kirshner is a consistently reasonable journalist. This being so, I was flabbergasted by the last sentence in the following passage from his piece titled Jewish Suffering Documented in Film."

". . . the Warsaw Ghetto Jews live on borrowed time. Conditions are atrocious; life is cheap. Starving children weep bitterly at night. There is no running hot water, and people and laundry go unwashed."

Coming after the reference to starving children, the anticlimactic reference to the lack of running hot water looks like a joke suggested to Kirshner by Faurisson.

Abe Shenitzer
(Emeritus) professor of mathematics
York University
Toronto

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HOLDS HEAD HIGHER

Today I am proud of my country. While this is in fact true everyday it sometimes gets obscured by the petty tribulations of everyday life. The massive airlift to save and repatriate the whole Jewish commuity of Ethiopia has caused me deep emotions.

My decision to live in Israel was based on some youthful ideology which may at some time appear naive and at other times totally unfounded. Then suddenly it all falls into place and you appreciate why you are being squeezed by taxes.

The scenes yesterday seemed to be a 20th-century Pesach Hagadah. Some of the parallels are remarkable, the despotic leader who brings ruin on his country before finally being overthrown and the hurried flight of the Jews. The Biblical promise to bring home the scattered Diaspora "On wings of an eagle" could not be surpassed as a description of the unprecedented air operation that was mounted. Earlier this year the remnants of Albania's Jewish community was likewise brought home.

When the drama wears off the hard work will only just be beginning. We know that we can count on world Jewry for continuing financial and moral support. Once again Israel has shown that it is the best insurance policy in the market.

The big job ahead of us now is housing and employment. Amid the drama of "Operation Shlomo," Russian immigration continues unabated. The equivalent of the Ethiopian community is arriving each month. Everyone is trying to place an immigrant in a job somewhere and it seems that that is the way the problem will be solved one by one, place by place. The same with housing.

We are a non starter for Olympic medals and are a bit thin on Nobel prizes. We haven't even won the Eurovision song contest for the past eight years. However when it comes to saving Jewish lives nothing is too difficult, no price is too high and no distance is too great. I seem to remember that we were fairly generous with the Vietnamese boat people as well.

My head is a little higher and my back straighter today than last week. Israel has once again proved the justice of its way and even our much maligned government finally got it right. They got the housing and other facilities ready without letting out the secret.

Dr. Steve Daren
Israel

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JUST ONE MORE

Shakespeare's Works Still Relevant For Canadian Jews, says the headline and Allan Gould proceeds to prove it with brilliant examples. (CJN, June 27)

It seems, however, he left out one most pertinent example:

The Canadian Parliament:
Much Ado About Nothing

Ben Kaminker
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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BABITZ — BARON

Surnames beginning with the letter "B" invariably present a dilema.

There are scores of acronymic names that are patronymic — that is, named after a distinguished ancestor but reduced to the first letters like COD for Cash On Delivery.

A well known example is BRILL, which is derived from Ben Reb Yehuda Leib.

But the name may also be toponymic, that is derived from a city, town or village.

BABITZ may come from BABICE, a place name of five Polish shtetlech or it may be an acroynm of Ben Baruch Tzvi.

Similarly, BARAN may refer to the Polish village of BARANOW or to Ben Reb Nachman.

It could also possibly denote a privileged Jew who served a powerful baron as a physician or financial adviser.

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BERGMANN

A person who lived in a mountainous part of Spain adopted the surname Del Monte. When he immigrated to Holland the name became Vanderbergh. In Germany, he was called Bergmann — literally "man of the mountain."

Opinion

Heavy-laden with memories of shtetl

In Lagov a tree grows on ruined roof of synagogue

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My esteemed readers: It is midsummer now, the loveliest time in Canada, our country, that is often referred to as the Queen of the Snows. Climatically our summers are wonderful. Why, then, am I heavy-laden with gloom this summer?

Actually one could find many reasons for an optimistic outlook. Europe, especially post-Communist Europe, seems to be coping with the colossal task of its social and economic challenges. Even the resurrected rivalries in the Balkans are not (not yet, anway) beyond peaceful solutions. Europe's hotbed of unrest and localized wars is calmer, the Middle East, shows promising signs of a peaceful resolution.

Why, then, am I not in a mood to celebrate the appearance of those good omens? Who knows?

The fact is that for the last few weeks my memory bank continues to be focused only on the small tree that I saw, a few years ago, growing out of the broken back of the roof-top of the ruined synagogue in Lagov: the town where I was born and where I spent the first 10 years of my life.

As for Lagov, it was, I suppose, a typical small town — a *shtetle*, one of a few hundred similar *shtetlach* in Poland in which the Jews constituted the majority of the population. Those poor towns provided the most essential, basic services to the non-Jewish, land-hungry peasant population in their immediate regions. The weekly "Market Day" brought producers and dealers together.

J.B. Salsberg

Jews in Lagov, as in other shtetlach, were the tailors, shoemakers, hat makers, simple furniture producers, harness makers, blacksmiths, horse-traders and, of course, store keepers that carried the basic supplies for the region.

Lagov had no yeshiva, a higher school for Talmudic studies. But it did have its quota of Jewish schools (*cheders*), from the most elementary types to those engaged in Talmudic subjects. There were also full-time individual students of Talmudic studies in the Bet Hamidrash.

Those private schools, the cheders, were not approved by the authorities. Indeed, in the bribed eyes of the Russian officialdom, such Jewish schools didn't exist. But I remember when the Czarist crown prince, away in St. Petersburg, became seriously ill, the three local "officers of the law" knew the exact location of every cheder and they rounded up all the Jewish children in the town, led them to the synagogue to pray for the recovery of the prince.

During those services the three officers were also in the synagogue and stood at stiff attention while we, the children, were led in special prayers for the prince's recovery.

Well, all that is from the distant past.

I visited Lagov on the eve of the Second World War, while I was on a trip to Europe and our family and the Jewish community was alive and I visited Lagov again, not long after the Second World War, for a last look. That painful last visit haunts me to this day.

There were, of course, no Jews left. Older Polish women surrounded me when they heard that a grandson of Miriam Sheva, my grandmother, arrived for a brief visit. It was they who related how the entire Jewish community of Lagov was assembled in the town square with nothing but the clothes they wore and marched off "to work places." The old ones, I was told, were put on wagons to join the sad exodus. They were driven into the first forest on the road, and were all shot to death, while the younger people were marched away to the first railroad station and from there to slave and extermination camps from which they never emerged.

What troubled me most on that last, post-war visit to my birthplace was to find the old Jewish cemetery completely vandalized. There wasn't a single tombstone left. The locals helped themselves to them . . . A woman was grazing a cow there.

What remained indelibly imprinted on my mind from that last visit to my birthplace was the small tree that had risen from the cave-in of the roof over the vandalized synagogue.

Time and the weather combined to carry windswept dust, dried leaves and tree seedlings to the back-broken roof of our old synagogue and to thus lay the base for the little tree that has grown there as a sad reminder that once there was life, Jewish life, in that town.

Why did those heart-breaking memories stir anew in my mind in this beautiful Canadian midsummer? Who knows? But stir they did. And they have lingered for weeks now.

I suppose that is called "the collective memory of a people."

Our Jewish history is painfully burdened with such memories. That, perhaps, is the ingredient that binds us.

Cheer up, my friends. . . .

Jews have much to add to debate

Multiculturalism can exist with a Canadian identity

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I came to Canada 30 years ago. There were a number of reasons why I decided to leave lovely (but cold) Minnesota and come to the (slightly warmer but more humid) climes of Southern Ontario.

One was the attraction of serving Holy Blossom, the oldest congregation in Upper Canada; another was the vision of a city on the verge of becoming a world class metropolis. A third and not inconsequential consideration was the way in which Canadians looked at themselves as a nation.

While in the United States I was used to a patriotism that bordered often on the chauvinistic. Canadian nationalism I sensed was muted and less likely to yield to varieties of McCarthyism.

Now, 30 years later, my first two considerations were borne out splendidly, but my view of Canadian nationalism was only partially correct. The developments of these last few years have shown that the low-intensity nature of national feeling has a negative side which at this moment of Canadian history becomes a liability rather than an advantage.

A recent issue of *Time* magazine featured a question rarely asked in earlier days: What really is an American? This has clearly become an issue today, because blacks and Hispanics are a large and increasing percentage of the American population. The old ideal of the melting pot out of which a single American identity is being forged is now in question.

Rabbi Plaut

In Canada, there was never an attempt to speak of a "typical or average Canadian." That was an impossibility because the French and the English prevented such a single and singular identification. There were no Canadian parallels to terms such as "Americanism" and un-American."

Canadians were never tempted into creating an image of what constituted the typical Canadian, and in time — prodded by Pierre Trudeau — we began to revel in the fact that we had no single identity, but were composed of different backgrounds which needed cherishing rather than suppressing, nourishing rather than stifling. Multiculturalism became a unique feature of Canadian life which distinguished it from most other nations around the globe.

But now multiculturalism is under attack because it is seen by many as the reason why there is no strong sense of Canadian unity. If ethnic minorities would not strive to preserve their old ways, but would become "true Canadians," the unity of the nation would not be at risk the way it is. At least, so goes the argument.

I think this assumption is wrong-headed. True, the level of national feeling has become so low that it often cannot be discerned at all; but it should not be increased by abandoning what I consider to be one of Canada's most attractive features.

But we do need a strong and sustained campaign to convince Canadians that what distinguishes them at this juncture of history is a vision of people of various backgrounds and cultures living together peaceably, and that this possibility forms a Canadian nationality that is enormously attractive and — in a world of ethnic strife and separation — deserving of being imitated and admired.

I still don't like American chauvinism, but I do like the way in which average Americans identify themselves as proud members of the nation. In Canada, multiculturalism should be designed to maintain a knowledge and pride of one's ancestry, but it should go hand in hand with a recognition that such an opportunity is Canada at its best. It is not a question of either-or but of both-and.

I think we Jews, as an old minority in this country, have much to contribute to the national debate. The forthcoming triennial convention of Canadian Jewish Congress will be devoting an important portion of its program to a discussion of this subject. Our voice should be heard before it is too late.

Commitment to dress code, shopping list

It's tough learning all those rules for our religion

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Being a mom is a synonym for being a chauffeur, chef, psychiatrist, beautician, physican, referee, maid, manager and maniac under any circumstances, which makes the phrase "working mom" into an oxymoronic nudge. And, I'm a kosher working mom, perched somewhere between high Conservative and low Orthodox on the lox and bagels scale.

I'm actually finding that many of my remaining adjustments to religious growth are not spiritual, but logistical; not philosophical, but practical. I made a commitment not only to a religion, it seems, but also to a carpool, a dress code, a shopping list, and a set of standards that covers both the highest aspirations of humanity and the smallest details of home management.

It's like the old saw: I love mankind, it's people I can't stand.

I love the Laws, it's learning the rules that's tough.

Take the dress code, for instance. An Orthodox woman, even modern Orthodox (we need a better moniker for that evolving state), wears shirts with sleeves and skirts that reveal only a modest amount of leg. Your basic shopping centre outfit of bandeaux top and pedal-pushers is pretty much outre. I don't miss 'em; I only had the figure for that for about six months in 1979 anyway.

But I do miss going about in slacks. I'm pleased my kids go to a religious school, but I wish I could escort them to their classrooms wearing jeans. First thing in the morning, it's hard to be conscious, much less conscientious. There are at least three solutions: a complete personal attitude overhaul (pending); grab my Frum-To-Go outfit (denim skirt, husband's shirt); or have someone else take them to school (bingo).

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Picking them up is easier: I never get out of the car.

Dressing according to code when I teach, or work, is natural now, but I always seem to end up rushing out of my indigenous household grubbies just to run small errands. It may sound silly, but I feel funny purchasing my Sabbath challah at my neighborhood kosher bakery wearing cotton deck pants and a T-shirt that says "Life's A Beach."

I've come to like most things about keeping kosher, now that you can buy non-dairy milk, non-pork bacon and a new kosher cooking challenge called "It's Not Shrimp." Being kosher isn't difficult as a matter of routine and I leve the sense of tradition, but I hate packing school lunches.

Every Mom has to know that her child won't eat a sandwich unless you cut off the crusts, but Every Mom doesn't have to come up with five different dairy lunchbox feasts (no five different flavors of yogurt don't count). The school's lunchroom is kosher (of course) and dairy (no baloney).

Stocking kosher junk food, lunchbox food, and kid stuff is tricky. Only the all-kosher emporiums offer such delicacies as absolutely O-U corn chips, gooey snack cakes and rubbery "American" cheese slices. Yes, yes, I know I should be filling those lunch boxes with nuts, dates, raisins and carrot sticks, and I do. But my two school-age kids won't touch them. Once when I'd packed carrot sticks for my oldest daughter, then age five, I took the plunge and asked if she'd eaten them.

"I gave one to Tova," she told me, "and the other one to the hamster." 'Twere ever thus . . . but I keep trying.

It's like growing into your religion: keeping observance in line with understanding, the desirable in line with the achievable, the carrot mated to the stick.

Sabbath — especially Sabbath with kids — is the crystallization of that. When I was first told that observing Sabbath meant I'd spend a day a week without turning appliances on and off; without cooking, driving or shopping; without using the phone or the microwave, my reaction was simple: "Not possible. Not fun."

I was wrong. It's an achievable, beautiful, uplifting weekly interlude, and it's entirely manageable with only slightly less planning than the invasion of Normandy.

Take food. Forget the rest of it, just take food: have four meals ready by Friday sunset (you get bonus points for accomplishing this during daylight savings time), three of which have to be edible on Saturday. Okey-dokey: a real spread for Friday night, and on Saturday, cold cereal for breakfast; cold cuts for supper; and for lunch; well, at our house, it was the Experiment-of-the-Week club for nine years.

The key is the low temperature oven: turn it on at 200F Friday before candles, and leave it till Havdalah. How long can you bake a chicken? Don't ask. Just wrap it in plenty of foil and keep it moist. It's supposed to be mushy, right? The real secret is Cholent, a redolent stew of meat, potatoes, onions and beans that thrives in the all-night oven and has nothing to do with the way sane people eat in the '80s. It tastes great, has the consistency of mortar and leaves the entire household ready to nap and totally uninterested in supper.

So what if the kids won't eat it. The grandmas and grandpas in our shul give them so much candy all morning, they wouldn't eat anything anyway. And, as a modern Jewish mother, I don't force them to eat or pretend that cleaning their plates would accomplish some lofty goal.

After all, I'll get back at them later, where it matters: right in the lunch box.

Features

Iraq must pay war reparations

A year later, Saddam still in control

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A year after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Iraq lies defeated, though unbowed, its destiny still in the hands of Saddam Hussein and his dictatorial Ba'athist regime.

Saddam led Iraq to disaster, disgrace and pariah status, but last month, he marked the 12th anniversary of his seizure of power.

Although he is despised by the majority of Kurds and Shi'ites, who staged unsuccessful uprisings in the immediate aftermath of the Gulf War, and reviled by much of the international community, which maintains wide-ranging sanctions against his minority government, Saddam is clearly in control.

If nothing else, Saddam is a survivor, a ruthless ruler who will do what he must to maintain his grip on his devastated country.

That Saddam miscalculated by invading Kuwait is putting it mildly. Despite numerous American warnings, he simply did not understand that the United States would jettison its budding friendship with Iraq in order to defend Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. And when war seemed inevitable, he did not realize that a developing Third World nation like Iraq stood absolutely no chance against the United States and its allies. To the very end, Saddam considered Kuwait part of Iraq and, when pressed, linked an eventual Iraqi withdrawal with an Israeli evacuation of the territories.

Saddam's astonishing shortsightedness, stupidity and hubris not only ensured Iraq's total political isolation, but condemned Iraq to fierce bombardment which crippled its vaunted military machine and wrecked its industrial infrastructure.

For all its bluster and bravado, Iraq did not really fight back, notwithstanding its cowardly series of Scud missile attacks on Israeli and Saudi cities. With the exception of one half-hearted and pathetically inefficient ground attack on Saudi Arabia, Iraq hewed to a relentlessly defensive and essentially self-defeating posture. For all intents and purposes, the Iraqi air force was grounded. Saddam packed off his best aircraft to Iran, which promptly impounded them.

The brief Gulf War, a triumph of American technology, defanged Iraq. When U.S. President George Bush called a unilateral ceasefire at the end of February, which finally went into effect on April 3, the Iraqi armed forces lay prone. Apart from severe material losses, Iraq lost approximately 100,000 soldiers, as well as several thousand civilians.

Nevertheless, Iraq was able to crush simultaneous revolts staged by the Kurds in the north and the Shi'ites in the south, largely because the United States was loath to intervene in the turmoil. With visions of Vietnam dancing in its head, the Bush administration, for better or worse, had no desire to become embroiled in Iraq's internal problems. However, the United States and its European allies dispatched a 12,000-strong force to northern Iraq and created a safe haven above the 36th parallel to help Kurds who had fled their homes after their rebellion was summarily crushed. On July 15, the last allied troops left Iraq, but the United States took the lead in establishing a small rapid-reaction force, based across the border in Turkey, in case the Kurds were in need of assistance again.

The allies refrained from extending such succor to the Sh'ites, but warned Iraq to stop harassing the Sh'ite population.

The United Nations embargo against Iraq remains intact, although it has been eased with the shipment of food and drugs to Iraq. The ban against financial transactions with Iraq remains in force, with Iraq not even allowed to sell its oil. What's more, the UN has decreed that Iraq must pay war reparations to the tune of 30 per cent of its annual export revenues. Bush claims that the embargo will only be lifted if Saddam disappears from the scene.

But Saddam, though obviously weakened by his adventurist policies, is still the man of the hour in Baghdad. He and his friends and relatives are clearly in charge, much to Washington's chagrin.

In the wake of the war, Iraq has begun the awesome task of rebuilding. According to a UN report, Iraq sustained "near apocalyptic" damage and was "relegated to a pre-industrial age."

Power stations, electric power grids, water purification plants, oil refineries, bridges and roads are being rebuilt. But as of this writing, Saddam's presidential palace and his Ba'ath party headquarters lie in ruins.

In the past few months, epidemic diseases — chiefly cholera, typhoid and hepatitis — have taken a toll. Malnutrition is also a problem. Subsidized rations of staples have been drastically reduced, while food prices on the open market have dramatically increased.

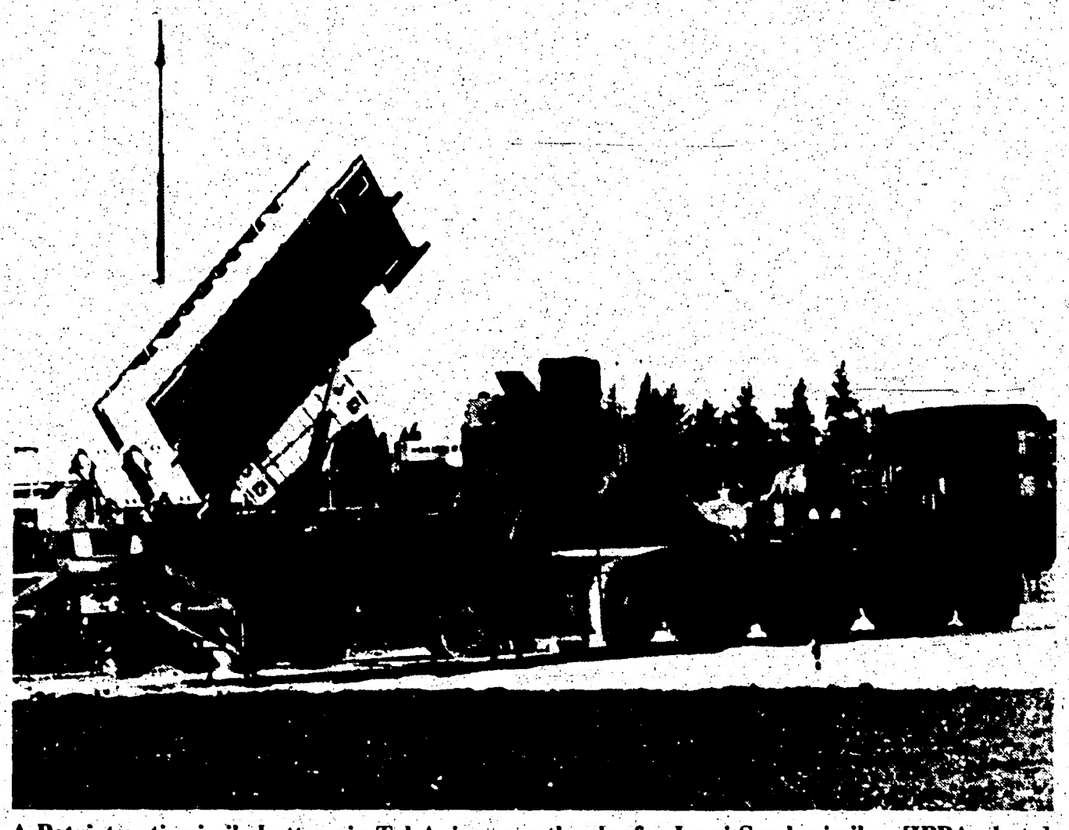
In an effort to appease restive Iraqis, Saddam has promised multi-party democracy and a referendum on a new constitution and freedom of the press. Yet, in a revealing aside, Saddam reserves the right to dissolve any party which "undermines" the security of the state.

Saddam is trying to come to terms with his nemesis, the Kurds, but talks on Kurdish autonomy appear to have faltered. In the meantime, the embers of the Kurdish revolt still burn brightly, as is evident from the recent uprising in the city of Sulaimaniyah.

Under the UN ceasefire, Iraq was required to destroy ballistic missiles, chemical and biological weapons and weapon-grade nuclear material. Iraq claims to have complied with these terms, but Iraq has been less than truthful in its dealings with UN inspection teams. It has prevented UN inspectors from carrying out their duties, prompting Bush to accuse Iraq of "cheating and lying." On July 7, Iraq acknowledged it was trying to produce enriched uranium at eight clandestine sites, enough for two nuclear bombs.

Since then, in reaction to U.S., British and French threats to resume the war, Iraq has pledged to co-operate fully with the UN.

If Saddam fails to do so, he will likely feel the sting of Western wrath once again.



A Patriot anti-missile battery in Tel Aviv scans the sky for Iraqi Scud missiles. [IPPA photo]

Public blamed Jews for murders

By
ELLEN BERNSTEIN

It was the case that baffled Scotland Yard — the grisly murders of six prostitutes in 1888 by a notorious killer known as Jack the Ripper.

The victims' bodies were found in London's East End on the edge of the Jewish ghetto. And in the mind of an hysterical public, the Jews were to blame.

The site of the slayings and the riots that terrorized the "poor yidden" are but two of several Jewish connections in the yet unsolved murder case, William Fishman, a British political historian, said in a recent lecture at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

From anti-Semitic undercurrents to a Polish Jewish immigrant fingered as one of several suspects, the Jack the Ripper case has endlessly fascinated scholars such as Fishman.

Impoverished conditions in London's East End and the flood of Jewish immigrants starting in the 1880s made Jews the scapegoat for the murders, said the Queen Mary College professor, who specializes in the social and political climate of London's East End during periods of Jewish immigration.

Fishman said the native population was angry at the Jewish laborers who settled in London's East End, the first stop en route to freedom from Russian pogroms. One-half million Jews passed through England during the 1880s and 120,000 immigrants stayed.

Seething anti-Semitism exploded on Sept. 12, 1888, the night after the third Jack the Ripper slaying. Torch-brandishing marauders raided the Jewish ghetto crying, "The bloody Jews did it." Jews were beaten coming out of synagogue.

Police intervened to protect Jews, a riot prevention policy that weeks later contributed to wiping out the only real clue believed to have been left by Jack the Ripper.

On the night of the fifth slaying, the murderer was said to have gone into the heart of the ghetto and scrawled a message on a wall.

"The Jewes [sic] will not be blamed for nothing," the message said. A bloody handkerchief was found in a nearby water fountain.

"We think it was written by the murderer," Fishman said. "He was a paranoid maniac, a pervert. It's believed he would have hated Jews as much as prostitutes."

Clues to the identity of Jack the Ripper centre around the gruesome method used to slay the prostitutes. With the precision of a surgeon, the killer removed their wombs.

Believing Jack the Ripper had medical knowledge, Scotland Yard police propagated the theory that the Duke of Clarence, the son of the royal physician, was the murderer. But any investigation that linked Jack the Ripper to the monarchy was hushed up by the upper class, Fishman said. Queen Victoria and the royal family as well as Britain's conservative politicians feared revolution by the working class.

"Tying Jack the Ripper to the monarchy was bound to be more arsenal for a revolution," Fishman said.

According to the professor, the killer's surgical finesse lays waste to another theory that a Polish Jewish laborer did it. The suspect, Severin Klosowski, was an insane man whom people called "The mad Jew," he said.

But it was anti-Semitism more than any real evidence that gave rise to suspicions, he said. Reports filed by the deputy commissioner of police referred to Klosowski as a "low class Jew."

"[The deputy commissioner] was known to be an anti-Semite and an anti-alien," Fishman said.

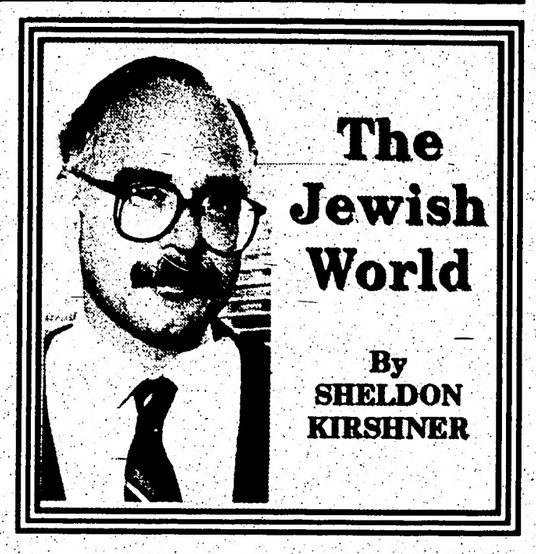
He added that *The London Times* fuelled anti-Semitism with an article that quoted alleged cases of Polish Jews murdering Christian females to expiate the so-called sin of sleeping with gentiles.

More than 100 years later, the Klosowski theory still stirs anti-Semitic feelings in England, according to Fishman, who refused to participate in the recent production of a television drama that indicts Klosowski.

The evidence presented by the producer, a researcher and novelist, did not convince Fishman. The much-publicized special was aired last October, in the wake of vandalism of London synagogues.

The broadcast, protested by Jewish groups, led to "a very small, vocal anti-Semitic group" adding to their fodder that Jack the Ripper was a Jew.

(Atlanta Jewish Times)



The Jewish World

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

They died recently, leaving footprints in the sand...

Listen to Sophie Tucker belt out *My Yiddishe Momme*. It is at once sublime, corny and endearing, particularly when the late grande dame of the American stage renders it in Yiddish.

All too often, we forget the composers and the lyricists behind great songs. We shouldn't forget **Jack Yellen,** who wrote the lyrics for *My Yiddishe Momme*, one of the most touching standards in the Jewish repertoire. (Yellen's collaborator was Lew Pollack.)

Yellen, who died at the ripe old age of 97, was the son of Polish immigrants who had settled in Buffalo, New York. He started writing songs in high school, and continued doing so at the University of Michigan. In 1917, he headed to New York City to promote his budding career as a song writer.

For the next 30 years, enduring songs such as *Happy Days Are Here Again, Ain't She Sweet* and *Down By the O-Hi-O* flowed from his prolific pen. Less well known were *Mr. Siegel, You Gotta Make It Legal* and *I Wonder What's Become Of Sally*.

Yellen retired to a farm in the late 1940s. In 1976 he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Rudolf Serkin was a master pianist who enchanted audiences with his renditions of Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Schumann, Chopin and Mendelssohn.

He was born in the Bohemian town of Eger, and learned to read music before he could read words. Encouraged by his father, a musician, Serkin developed into one of the finest pianists of our day.

Serkin, who was 88 at his death, was one of the founders of the Marlboro Festival in Vermont. An inspirational teacher, he was director of the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia from 1968 to 1975.

They contributed to American society

Henry Shapiro was a renowned foreign correspondent in the Soviet Union for nearly 40 years. Working for Reuters and United Press International, Shapiro reported from Moscow almost uninterruptedly from 1937 until 1973.

A Romanian Jew and a graduate of the Harvard Law School, he covered the show trials, the Soviet-German Non-Aggression Treaty, the Second World War and the Cold War. He was 84 when he succumbed to a stroke.

Sylvia Feldman Porter, who has died at 77, was a business writer whose byline appeared in 450 newspapers in North America and throughout the world.

Porter, whose work was syndicated by the Los Angeles Times, reached about 40 million readers. Born into a Russian family in Long Island, Porter decided to study economics at Hunter College after her mother lost a significant investment in the 1929 stock market crash.

In the intervening years, she worked for a small investment counselling firm on Wall Street, took courses at the New York University School of Business Administration and began writing in financial journals. Porter broke into journalism in 1935 when she was hired by the New York Post. She churned out many books, the most notable of which was *Sylvia Porter's Money Book: How To Earn It, Spend It, Save It, Invest It, Borrow It And Use It To Better Your Life.*

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union grew with the immigrant Jewish community, providing trade union protection for several generations of Jewish garment workers in the United States and Canada.

Its president from 1975 until 1986 was **Sol Chaikin,** a native New Yorker whose predecessors included Louis Stulberg and David Dubinsky. By the time Chaikin reached the presidency, the union's once predominant Jewish membership had shrunk drastically and given way mainly to non-Jews.

Chaikin, who died of heart failure at 73, was for many years chairman of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut and a member of the national committee for Labor Israel.

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CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SPEAKS ON VALUES

Leah Block (centre), author of a Parsha - by - Parsha series for children, and founding director of Gan - Gani Nursery School in London, Ont., was in Ottawa recently to speak on the topic of transmitting Jewish values to children. Shown are (from left) Dr. Y. Caytak, Devora Caytak, Block, Donna Klaiman, and Dr. Stephen Klaiman.

Disapora-Israel solidarity stressed at Jabotinsky memorial service

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"It is time for Jews in the Diaspora to reaffirm their solidarity with the Jewish state," said Thomas Hecht, chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee-Quebec region and keynote speaker at a recent service commemorating the 51st Yahrzeit of Zionist activist Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

"Too many Jews in the Diaspora are fearful of rocking the boat, a boat which provides them with material well-being and social and political acceptance," said Hecht. "To them I say — stop quailing and quivering. You have a right to your well-being and acceptance. Nobody can ask, and you must not pay for it, with diminished Jewish solidarity."

Hecht reminded the 170 people who attended the service at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue that the State of Israel came into being "because Jews . . . followed the lead of men like Ze'ev Jabotinsky and determined to make it happen.

"Some critics say that the Holocaust created the state of Israel. Not so," says Hecht. "With Jabotinsky I say that the absence of a Jewish state caused the Holocaust."

"No one can or should dare to preach morality to Jews or to a Jewish army after what has been done to the Jewish people for centuries," Hecht said. "Notwithstanding the distortions created by media pogroms and so-called independent observers, Israel's defence forces maintain the highest moral standards of any army in the world," standards which Hecht explained are based on the ethic of *tohar haneshek* (the purity of arms).

Hecht reminded his audience that the purpose of Israel's army is "the defence of her [Israel's] security and the security of all Jews everywhere.

"In the international arena, "sympathy may be important, but security is vital. I prefer, and we should all prefer, condemnation to consolation," said Hecht. "I prefer, and we should all prefer, a thousand critical articles than one splendid eulogy of Israel."

Hecht related that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (a "worthy follower of Jabotinsky") told him recently in Jerusalem that his government "is always ready and available to negotiate with any Arab state, without preconditions, but not with those who deny our right to existence.

Thomas Hecht

"Prime Minister Shamir rightfully emphasized his unswerving opposition to an international conference since he believes . . . that the chances of success of an international conference diminish in inverse ratio with the number of its participants. International conferences generally tend to exact unacceptable prices from small nations."

Hecht referred to Jabotinsky as one of Israel's "dreamers, fighters and creators." He recalled hearing Jabotinsky speak in Bratislava when he (Hecht) was six years old: "People saw in him a kind of vision which they could only hope for."

Doris Kanner also has childhood memories of Jabotinsky. The Montreal woman credits Jabotinsky's Betar movement, which she joined at the age of eight, with saving her life, as she was "always a step ahead" of the Nazis.

Betar member Dubi Bergman, director of the World Zionist Organization's finance department brought greetings from the chairman of world Herut Hatzohar. Cantor Joseph Cooper recited verses from *Tehillim* (Psalms) and the audience joined in singing Betar rallying songs.

Speaking for those who remember hearing the news of Jabotinsky's death in 1940, Sam Shainhouse, president, Herut-Likud Canada, who chaired the evening, said, "We all felt orphaned that day."

Hecht was introduced by Lew Moses, chairman of the board and treasurer of Herut-Likud Ontario region and thanked by Harry Wolle, vice-president, Herut-Likud Ontario region. Hecht was given a commemorative stamp and gold medal struck in 1964 when Jabotinsky, who died in the United States, was re-interred in Israel.

The memorial service was organized by Herut-Likud Canada in cooperation with Canadian Zionist Federation.

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Murdered in Soviet Union

Writers' memorial planned

TORONTO —

The 39th annual commemoration of the Execution of Soviet Jewish Writers and Artists on Monday, Aug. 12 at Beth Tzedec Congregation at 8 p.m. will feature a musical and literary presentation of the works of the murdered writers by Ethel Kovenska, known as "The First Lady" of the Yiddish Theatre of Israel.

Kovenska at 15 began her studies at the State Theatre Studio in Moscow under the direction of actor and renowned director Solomon Mikhoels, later murdered in 1948 under the orders of Josef Stalin.

Ida Kovenska

With her husband, noted musician and composer Leonid Kogan, she immigrated to Israel in 1972. The actress joined the Habimah National Theatre and also continued to perform concerts of Yiddish songs.

The evening will commemorate the 24 leading Soviet Jewish poets, writers, artists and public figures who were executed in Moscow's Lubianka Prison — the culmination of a calculated campaign to eradicate Jewish life in the U.S.S.R.

Among the most prominent liquidated writers during the "night of the murdered poets" were Peretz Markish, David Bergleson and Itzik Feffer.

Addressing the memorial event will be Judge Phil Givens, chairman, national committee for Yiddish and Jewish culture, Canadian Jewish Congress, reporting on the recent international Yiddish conference in Moscow, and Gerry Kane, chairman, committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, speaking about the executed writers and their contributions to Jewish life.

Eti Young, director of the Congress Ontario Region Committee for Soviet Jewry, will update the gathering on current events in the Soviet Union. Beth Tzedec Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg will bring greetings.

The roll call of the liquidated artists will be read by 15-year-old Marc Kates, a Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto student who has a strong commitment to the Yiddish culture and language. Chairman of this year's memorial is Sam Lipshitz, vice-chairman of the committee for Yiddish.

There is no admission fee to the commemoration. All in the community are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Sylvia Lustgarten at 635-2883 of the Committee for Yiddish (ext. 155) or Eti Young of the Committee for Soviet Jewry (ext. 180).

Kibbutz life defended

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz was "wrong" to object to Ethiopian Jews being housed in kibbutzim in Israel, Carmela Avneri, head of volunteer training for Na'amat in Israel, told The CJN recently in an interview.

"On the kibbutzim the Ethiopians are receiving very good, warmhearted treatment," she said. "The minister talks about kosher. But never mind the kosher argument, these immigrants come from a country where they were farmers. This is a good opportunity for them to work in the earth. We need the Russian immigrants in the cities and we need the Ethiopians on the kibbutzim."

Na'amat sponsors seminars for volunteers who are trained to work with both Russian and Ethiopian immigrants.

Avneri said Na'amat has an extensive daycare program for immigrant children and often a volunteer will visit the same child twice a week at home. In the seminars the women are taught about childhood illnesses and child psychology.

"In every group of 10 or 15 children, one usually needs special care," she said.

Na'amat operates boutiques which sell clothes to immigrants at very low prices, Avneri said. "The Ethiopians insist on paying at least something, otherwise they won't take any."

Avneri, who holds an MA in Hebrew literature and Jewish philosophy from Tel Aviv University, is a Sabra who is married to another Sabra, Dror, an El Al pilot. They have four children and their two daughters are also married to pilots.

A special feature of the Na'amat program is to link up one volunteer family with one immigrant family so they can do things together. "The volunteers become the spiritual mishpacha (family) of the newcomers," Avneri said.

Previous Ethiopian immigrants who now speak Hebrew visit the caravans of the new immigrants regularly and help the transition process immeasurably, she said.

At the caravans, Na'amat volunteers teach the newcomers to make meals, how to use diapers, and how to use gas stoves.

Baycrest launches Tel-Care

TORONTO —

Companionship, support and encouragement are now just a phone call away for isolated, elderly people in Toronto.

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care recently introduced the service, called Tel-Care. It provides regular social contact by phone, free of charge to people age 55 and over who are looking for reassurance or a friendly conversation.

"This type of outreach service can help seniors maintain their independence in the community," says Gitit Gilran, who initiated the program at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre when she was a program supervisor there.

Volunteers call clients

"Older people living on their own may lack informal support from family and friends. They may be afraid, depressed, unable to get out, and they often feel they have no one to turn to. Knowing that someone is calling them on a regular basis gives these people a greater sense of security, as well as providing them with companionship."

Volunteer callers — many of them elderly residents of Baycrest Terrace, an apartment for seniors - make the calls to their assigned clients at prearranged times during the week.

"If the client doesn't answer the phone, then the volunteer tells us and we call the client's emergency contact person," explains Tel-Care co-ordinator Chyla Talesnick.

Tel-Care was designed mainly to serve seniors living alone in the community. But it is also available to patients and residents at Baycrest or elsewhere who lack social contact.

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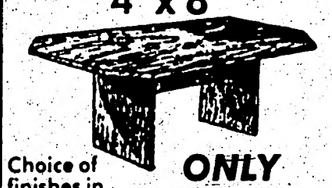

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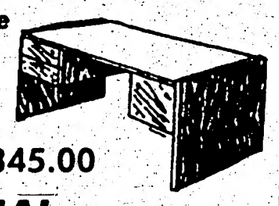

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

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I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Saturday, Aug. 3

EMBRACING THE REDEEMED

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the community is invited to a special presentation by **Rabbi Wayne Allen** on Embracing the Redeemed—The Halachic Problems in Accepting Jewish Refugees: From Marranos to Ethiopians during the Shabbat service at Beth Tikvah Congregation, 3080 Bayview Ave. Service begins at 9 a.m.

Following the kiddush, Rabbi Allen will continue, focusing on The Singular Problems of Russian Immigrants, during a special luncheon and discussion.

Reservations for the luncheon must be made in advance. The synagogue number is 221-3433.

KOL YISROEL CONGREGATION

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Monday, Aug. 5

Gloria Valentine

Nathan Garnick

SHOLOM ALEICHEM MUSICAL REVUE

The Skylight Theatre is presenting *Hello and How Do You Do*, a **Sholom Aleichem** musical revue in Yiddish and English produced and directed by **Nathan Garnick** with the Wagman Centre Heritage Players. Guest star is **Gloria Valentine**.

It all takes place in the Barry Zuckerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park, on Monday, Aug. 5, beginning at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the performance will be held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Admission is free.

BACK TO THE SIXTIES

An afternoon of fun and music entitled Back to the Sixties is set for Monday, Aug. 5 (Simcoe Day) from noon to 4 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St. Celebrating the best of that decade, it features Beatlemania, The Travellers, and master of ceremonies **Roger Ashby** of CHUM-FM's Sunday Morning Oldies fame.

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Tuesday, Aug. 6

A CONCERT OF NOTE

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, the famous star of the Habima Theatre of Israel **Ethel Kovenska** and composer **Lev Kogan** along with the host of the evening **Cantor Louis Danto** will be featured in a concert of Yiddish, Russian and Israeli songs.

This is the only concert that will be presented. It is sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch and the Russian Jewry from the Soviet Union Organization. For tickets, call the theatre box office at 630-6752.

LAWYERS LEARNING AT LUNCH

Ohr Somayach Thornhill announces the fourth meeting of Lawyers Learning at Lunch, featuring **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky**, dean of Ohr Somayach, taking place Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the offices of Poole, Milligan, Hutchinson and Syrtash, 2040 Yonge St., Suite 300. Rabbi Milevsky's topic will be Jewish Perspectives of Capital Punishment.

The session will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 1:30. Lunch is available by reservation for $5. Beverages will be served at no cost and you may feel free to bring your own lunch.

For further information and reservations, call 886-5730. This series meets the first Tuesday of every month.

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Thursday, Aug. 8

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NCJW NEW BRANCH

If you are a single professional woman between the ages of 24-35, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, invites you to join the new branch for an evening of videos, great pot luck food, and conversation on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 7:45 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

For further information, call **Dalit** at 881-9119 or 593-0967 or Council House at 633-5100.

LIBRARY FILMS

On Thursday, Aug. 8, Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is screening three films — *Bubbie, Glen Gould's Toronto,* and *Notes on Seeing: A film with Dorothy Medhurst.*

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And What Else Is New...

ORILLIA SHABBAT SERVICES

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MASSUAH CENTRE

Recent visitors to the Massuah Centre for Holocaust Education, located on the grounds of Kibbutz Tel Yitzhak, near Netanya, Israel, are (from left clockwise) Renee Solursh, Harvey Solursh, Nat Starr, Bob Starr, Toby Starr and Sheila Dropkin. They are shown at the entrance of the Canada House audio-visual research and development centre.

USDS RECREATION SUPERVISORS

United Synagogue Day School (USDS) after-school program is seeking adults or students in the Bayview-Finch area to plan and supervise an after-school recreational program for children from kindergarten to Grade 5. This is a North York parks and recreation community program incentive at the Bayview campus at 3080 Bayview Ave.

If you have had experience working with children in a recreation setting and/or if you have any specific recreation skills (drama, dance, puppetry, art, and such) and are 16 years of age or older, phone **Alex Sharma**, North York parks and recreation community co-ordinator, at 496-9562 for an interview.

FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS

In order to meet the needs of a modern Jewish family in a fast-paced and changing society, Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following Family Life Workshops:

Looking Ahead — A group for separated or divorced people to discuss part-time parenting, being alone, separating from the past and moving forward. This group begins Aug. 15 for six weeks.

Losing a Parent as an Adult — The impact of parental loss on an adult can be devastating. By exploring and understanding the grief process, participants will move through the stage of feeling like an orphan to one of acceptance and growth.

Parenting the Young Child — A group to help parents understand children's behavior and to help with setting limits, expectations and discipline. This begins Aug. 15 for six weeks.

For further information, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Sensitive listeners are available to listen at Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line at 636-9610.

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SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginner, intermediate and advanced students.

The morning courses run on Mondays from Oct. 7-Jan. 20 from 9:40-11:50 a.m. The evening courses run on Tuesdays from Oct. 8-Jan. 21 from 7:30-9 p.m.

All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions.

Free introductory private lessons for beginners

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APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Beth Torah Congregation held a festive Minyanaires Appreciation breakfast recently and at the same time honored generous supporters of the synagogue (from left) Ben and Frances Lemberg and Eileen and Sam Grossman. [Mollie Rothman photo].

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are offered. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method for teaching Hebrew in Toronto.

For consultation and registration, call Mr. Klinger at 787-0197 or 781-3571.

FREE STRESS WORKSHOP

A stress workshop, offered free as a community service, will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. with **Dr. Judy Rosenberg Ben-Israel**. Enrolment is limited to the first 10 callers.

The phone number is 964-2056.

at the JCC

Space is available at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., in the nursery school and daycare for three to five-year-olds, both half and full-day programs, commencing September 1991. For more information, call 631-5651.

Limited space is available for Tic Tac Twos, a parent participatory program for children who will be two by December 1991, at the North Y branch, beginning October 1991. The newly revised program includes arts and crafts, music, gym, Shabbat and holiday celebrations. For more information, call **Bibi Golberg** at 636-1880, ext. 250.

The Bloor Y branch Twentysomething Uptowners Downtowners Club's next function takes place Sunday, Aug. 18, at 11:30 a.m. Join the group for brunch and a play. The cost is $20. Meet at 750 Spadina Ave. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

The North/East Valley branch Singles Connection (35-50) is holding a dance on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The cost is $8 and includes deejay, dancing, light refreshments and cash bar. For information, call 889-0813.

The North/East Valley branch offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The charge is $3 per session. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y **Good Age Club** has two trips planned during August. The first one is a boat cruise on Thursday, Aug. 8. Meet at 12:45 p.m. at Harbourfront Queen's Quay Terminal. The cost is $3.50 and reservations and payment must be made by Wednesday, Aug. 7. The other trip is set for Thursday, Aug. 22, to see the musical *Closer Than Ever* at the Susan Rubes Theatre, 165 Front St. E. Meet at 2:15 p.m. The cost is $12 and reservations and payment must be made in advance. For information on both these events, contact **Luni** at 924-6211.

Earl Bales Senior's Club's upcoming activities include a dance on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the club house (members free, non-members $1); a dance with a live band on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community Centre (members $3, non-members $4); a movie on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in the club house (members free, non-members $1); a barbecue party for members only on Sunday, Aug. 11 (cost is $4)...Ongoing activities continue. For information, call the club office at 636-7856.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Aug. 4, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

SAJAC (South African Jewish Association Canada) Seniors is planning a two-day trip to Kingston on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 4 and 5. It includes a cruise of the islands, city tour and Fort Henry. For details, call **Sybil** or **Gerald Berley** at 449-6065.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., the Jewish Ethics and Philosophy Rabbi's Lecture Series continues on Wednesday, Aug. 7, with Jewish Mysticism: The Mysticism of Isaac Luria with **Rabbi Wayne Allen** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The time is 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Rooms A and B...A summer outing to Stratford Festival to see the musical *Carousel* is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 7, departing 9:30 a.m. and returning 6:30 p.m. The cost is $48 members, $51 non-members. Register with payment at the Wagman Centre office. For more information, call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel Aug. 4-13 with lots of goodies including a trip to Atlantic City, deluxe medical insurance, three kosher meals daily (under New York kashrut law), and more. There are just a few seats left, so call **Manny** at 633-6343 from 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LZA Seniors Club's winter in Miami registration is well underway. The next registration will take place Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. There are still some seats available for the Welland Canal boat tour on Wednesday, Aug. 28, with dinner in Niagara Falls and a visit to a winery. The next regular luncheon meeting is on Tuesday, Aug. 13 with final plans for the Seniors Jubilee at Harbourfront on Aug. 14 to hear the JCC Singers. Plans for the Simchat Torah dance are progressing and details will be announced as they are arranged. The Cultural Club meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon with interesting speakers leading discussions. The special campaign for the orphaned children's Amal Vocational School in Yehud, Israel, is now underway. For details, call 630-9444.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, contact **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has organized a cruise to the Thousand Islands on Wednesday, Aug. 28. Also, the super Israeli trip is set for Nov. 13-Dec. 4. For information on these trips and all programs, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 plus, announces a day away to the U.S.A. for shopping bargains galore on Tuesday, Aug. 13, leaving at 9 a.m. The charge is $25. And on Wednesday, Aug. 28, it's a day away to the popular Stage West Theatre with an all-you-can-eat buffet, transportation, and the comedy play *Never Too Late* with **Jamie Farr**, all for $39. A four-day mini holiday to Gananoque, the Thousand Islands, meals, cruise, tour of Ottawa, entertainment and much more, is planned for the third week in August. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 or **Freda** at 224-0549.

Club Chaverim meets for bingo and cards on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 at the JCC North/East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St. Call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Centre is holding a public affairs forum on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 1:30 p.m. when the topic will be Free Trade With Mexico — How Will It Affect Canada? Guest panelists are **Carlos Sada**, consul general of Mexico; **Chris Schenk**, research director, Ontario Federation of Labor; **Daniel Schwanen**, senior policy analyst, C.D. Howe Institute, and **Jim Peterson**, MP. This forum is free and open to the community.

An outing to Artpark to see the musical, *A Man of La Mancha*, is arranged for Wednesday, Aug. 7, leaving at 9:45 a.m. The charge is $30. Be sure to bring ID as this theatre is in the U.S. Contact **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112 for information.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

About People

SWIMMING MEDALIST WINNER

This item is about **Elizabeth Unger** who won two gold and one silver medal at the recent North York Senior Games. Mrs. Unger is 73 years old and this is the third consecutive year that she has won gold and silver medals.

She is not only active in swimming, she also performs solo dances in a senior group, entertaining in various places. She also designs her own costumes and sews them by hand because she doesn't have a sewing machine. She never even learned to sew.

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PNAI MEETING

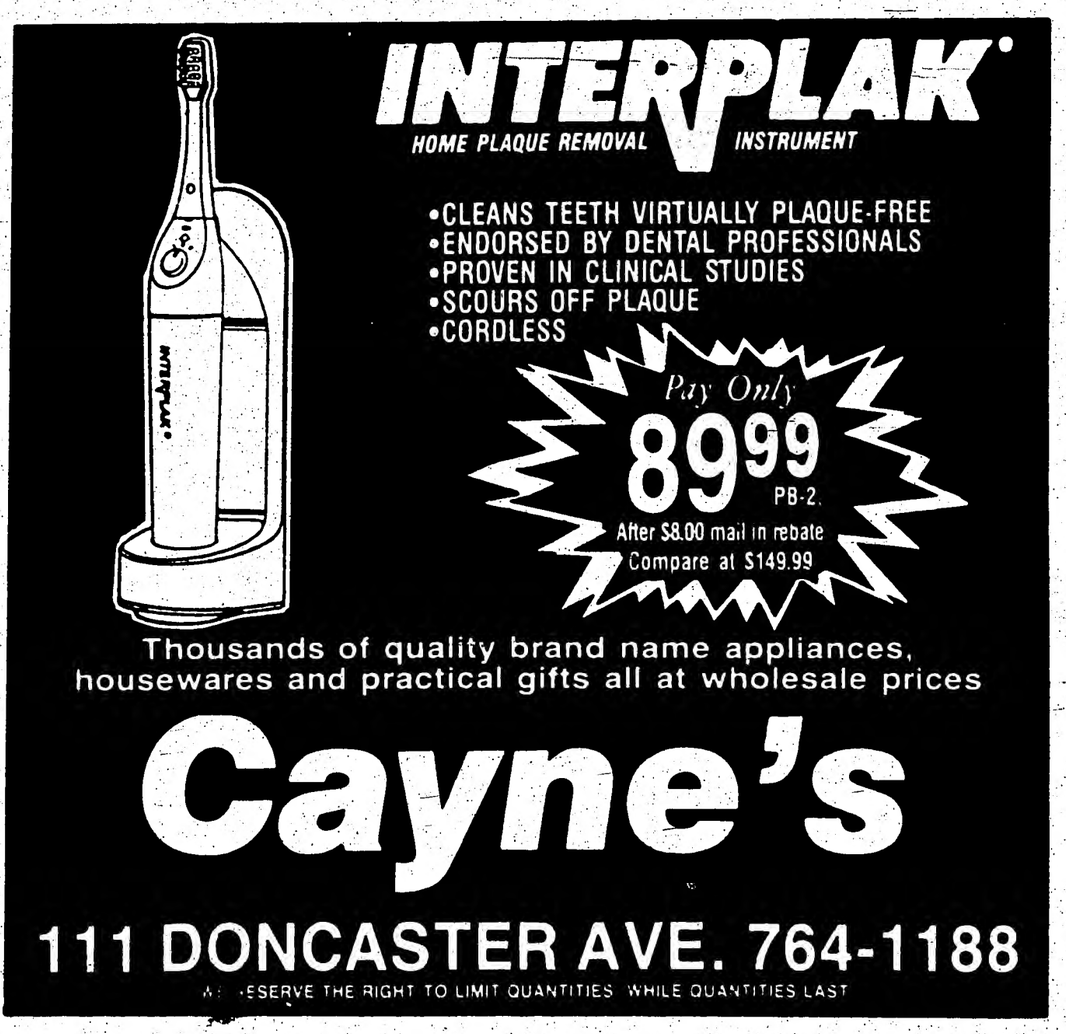
Distinguished Israeli scientist Prof. Ze'ev Lev (second from left), a visiting professor at the University of Toronto, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI). Seen with him are (from left) Victor Sefton, past-president, who introduced the speaker; Charlie King, past-president and bulletin editor; Ann King, president, and Tamar Meroz, shlicha for the Aliyah Centre, Toronto region. For information about the PNAI Toronto Branch, call membership chairman Minnabelle Haneford at 633-5136. [Mollie Rothman photo]

BERTHA SHORE AWARD

The $10,000 Hy and Bertha Shore Award, presented annually to Baycrest Centre employees who wish to further their education, was shared this year by four staff members. Members of the Shore family, including sons Fred and Neil Shore, joined Baycrest staff at the recent awards presentation. Shown above, Fred Shore presents awards to Vicki Anne Giardino, a medical secretary in Behvioural Neurology; Jane Hogan, a head nurse at Baycrest Hospital; and Esther Friedman, a program specialist at the Jewish Home for the Aged. Not shown is Ruth Goodman, a social worker at the JHA.

OPENING BRUNCH

Toronto LZA recently held the opening brunch for its 1991 inaugural campaign for the Amal Memorial School in Yehud, Israel. From left are Israel Appel, president, LZA Borochov Council; Joe Krystal, Canadian national president of Amal and Toronto chairman of the Yehud Campaign; guest speaker Yaen Yered, director of the Amal School at Yehud; and Harry Weinstock, chairman, Toronto City committee. Although this was to have been a Canadian LZA project, Toronto LZA undertook and completed it in three years.



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USDS NEW EXECUTIVE

Recently elected members of the United Synagogue Day School executive committee for 1991-92 are: **Ira Schecter**, president; **Mark Libman**, executive vice-president; **Gerry Maldoff, Eileen Silver** and **Marc Wilchesky**, vice-presidents; **Kathryn Cooper**, secretary; **Geoffrey Bledin**, treasurer; **Martin Goldberg**, member-at-large; **Shirley Worth**, immediate past president, and **Jill Weinberger**, Parents Association president.

Aaron Nussbaum, director of education, has been in charge of the school since its inception in 1961.

Irving and Ruth Finstein

A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Irving and Ruth Finstein, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, were both born in 1908, Irving in Hamilton, Ruth in New York City.

Irving had a cigar store business for many years and worked until he was almost 80. He is an avid 10-pin bowler, still bowling twice a week. And Tuesdays and Thursdays he spends with his two great-grandaughters.

Ruth still cooks all their meals and every week cooks a meal for her great-grandchildren and brings it to them (Irving still drives). She is an avid reader, reading four or five books a week — the classics, biographies, historical novels.

The Finsteins are longtime members of Beth Tzedec Synagogue and Ruth was active there for many years.

The couple's family includes daughter and son-in-law **Sylvia and Sid Hebscher** and their children **Mark** and wife **Jackie**, **Stephen** and wife **Dale**, and **Barry**; daughter and son-in-law **Sheila and Morton Katz** and their daughters **Amy** and **Jennifer**, and son **Paul Finstein**. And of course, there are the two great-grandaughters **Danielle** and **Melissa Hebscher**, the fourth generation Canadians.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Up on the Roof, Bloor B-B-Q, Thursday, August 1st, 6-9pm. Free admission to JCC members, just pay as you eat. (Guests **must** be accompanied by a member.) 750 Spadina Avenue. For more info call 924-6211. 6080

Atideynu Lodge (Singles Co-ed 20's & 30's). **Fun Fest Picnic 91'**. August 11th, 1991. From 11:00am to 4:00pm. Location, Earl Bales Park (Bathurst/Sheppard). Cost $7.00 members, $11.00 non-members; Includes lunch, refreshments, deserts and fun! Contact Rob Shapiro at 882-5404 or Dan Ashkenazy at 784-0652. If rained out, August 18th, same place. 5855

Metro Toronto Singles presents a **Long Weekend Party** at **Park Avenue** (in the Madison Centre, 2 blocks north of Sheppard). Sunday, August 4th, 8:00pm. Cover $10.00. For more information call **222-7111**.
For **Concord Singles Weekend**, August 21-25, call **222-7111**. 5939

Concord Singles Weekend. August 22-25. Departure August 21st, 11:00pm. $125 Canadian return. We match roomates. Preferrential seating in night clubs. Hospitality room and party. Phone for hotel rates. For reservations (bus, hotel) call Linda 636-9204, 487-0901 or Sid at 222-7111. 6000

A Touch of Class. A newly formed group for single professionals is holding a house party on Saturday, August 3rd. 8:30pm. Cost $16.00. Buffet served at 9:30pm. Mix, mingle, music and hopefully make new friends. Limited space. By invitation only. Dress code. For reservations call 771-1493.
Upcoming events: B-B-Q party at a well known hotel. Dinner dance with live music and show. All later this month! 5943

Come to our first Bloor Summer Dance of 1991! (A rooftop dance in the air-conditioned gym). Thursday, August 8th. 8-12:00pm. $10.00. Bloor "Y" Branch of the J.C.C. 750 Spadina Avenue. Call 924-6211 for more information. 5992

Mid-Summer's Night Party at **The Sports Cafe**, 49 St. Clair Avenue West. Sunday, August 4th. 8:00pm. Cover $5.00 ($1.00 of which will go to the Canadian Cancer Society). For more information call 789-4030. 5987

A Touch of Class. A Magnificent Soiree you will always remember, complete with Las Vegas review show, cabaret type singers and impersonators, dance and light meal, all for $23.00. Limited seats so reserve early. August 9th. 9:00pm. 771-1493. 5993

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DEDICATION

The official dedication of the Harold Tanenbaum Research Centre in biomedical engineering research for diagnosis of human functions and therapeutic devices at Tel Aviv University was attended by family and friends of the late philanthropist. From left are Prof. Shmuel Einav, project director; Yehiel Ben Zvi, vice-president of TAU; Jeannie Tanenbaum and Judith Colton, wife of the New York chairman of American Friends of TAU. Jeannie and Cheryl Tanenbaum, wife and daughter of Harold Tanenbaum, represented the family. The research centre is in the process of developing an artificial lung and heart pump, medical diagnostic equipment and protheses.

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Starr stays in top form for rowing championships

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Rachel Starr may have picked the wrong sport to excel in — that is if it was fame and big money endorsements she was interested in.

Though the Ottawa native has rung up some impressive achievements in rowing, including being part of a world championship team, that hasn't translated yet into either fame or fortune.

In fact, Starr is having trouble making ends meet, though she lives a student's frugal lifestyle — rowing for hours on end while garnering straight As in neurobiology at McGill University.

Currently, Starr is in training for the world championships, which will be held in Vienna from Aug. 18 to 25. There, she hopes to repeat as part of Canada's world championship team in the "lightweight women's four" event.

That's where four lightweight women (around 135 lbs.), using one oar each (a "sweep-oar" event) compete against the best in the world over a 2,000-metre course.

Last year, Canadians were the world's best, defeating all comers and setting a world record time of 6:38 at the world championships in Tasmania, Australia. Starr was a key member of that team and recalls that "we had a fantastic race and had a really strong crew."

Despite being on top of the world in her sport, Starr finds herself short of money for the $6,000 she needs to purchase a boat in which to train. And this year, as soon as the world championships are over, she plans to head to Victoria where she will devote herself exclusively to training for the Olympics, taking a year off from her studies.

Rachel Starr

Getting onto Canada's rowing team, one of the world's best, is not an easy proposition. You might say Starr has been preparing for it ever since she took up the sport back in Grade 9.

Originally attracted to the sport because it was so unique, she found she could excel at it right from the start.

During the winter of 1989-90, she won the Canadian Indoor Rowing Championship on a dry-land machine known as an ergometre. From there, she went on to the world indoor event in Boston, finishing fourth overall.

In 1990 she joined forces with Diana Sinnige of St. Catharines in a pairs event. After winning the trials for Canada's national team, they turned some heads a few months later when they captured the U.S. Elite Nationals in Indianapolis.

Starr's successes continued. Later that summer, they represented Canada at the Goodwill Games in Seattle, finishing fifth in pairs before returning home to capture the Canadian championships.

Starr was then chosen for the "straight-fours," a four-woman sweep team which uses one oar (as opposed to the two-oar "sculls" events). It was that squad which set the world record in Tasmania last November.

Now 20, Starr has the stamina to endure the grueling training regimen required of top rowers. Even though she attended school full-time, she worked out six days per week, four hours per day.

Now that school is over, she plans to boost her training to five hours per day.

And she has mapped out for herself a number of ambitious goals: in addition to the world championships, she fully expects to be on Canada's 1992 Olympic team, and perhaps the 1996 team as well.

In between, she hopes to participate in the 1993 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Aviva Rosenstein in a laboratory at Yeshiva University.

CHAT grad majors in chemistry

Rosenstein studies in the lab

NEW YORK —

While her friends lie in the sun, rest, and play ball, Aviva Rosenstein of Toronto is spending the summer working towards her future through the Roth Institute Scholars Program at Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) in the Bronx, N.Y.

Rosenstein, 19, the daughter of Randi Rosenstein of Toronto, and a graduate of CHAT, is a senior majoring in chemistry at the University's Stern College for Women.

President of the chemistry club, she is the starting forward for the University's women's basketball Lady Maccabees and is studying the pathological diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in specific regions of the human brain with Dr. Dennis Dickson at AECOM's Kennedy Centre neuropathology department.

The Roth Scholars program is a component of the Ernst and Hedwig Roth Institute of Biomedical Science Education, established in 1978 to improve education in the biological and related sciences at Yeshiva University's undergraduate division of liberal arts and sciences, Stern College for Women and Yeshiva College.

Cohen stays tops as netminder

TORONTO —

Though he's played on a Calder Cup-winning team, the highlight of goaltender Paul Cohen's hockey career goes back to the days before he turned pro.

The way he recalls it, his four years as the starting netminder for St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. were glory days. Three times the collegians advanced to the NCAA final four and twice they came away winners of U.S. college's championship tournament.

Their first win in 1988 was the sweetest. The team had been written off by the so-called experts, who pointed out they had lost seven starters off the squad that lost the title game the year before.

But backstopped by the Jacques Plantian-heroics of Cohen, who posted a goal-against average of less than 1.5 per game, St. Lawrence pulled a major upset to capture the title.

Cohen looks back on those heady days with fond memories. "It was a great four years," he said. The team was good, the boys hung out together and there's nothing to beat the sensation of playing in front of five or six thousand pumped-up, screaming college students to get the juices flowing, he said.

Since those years, Cohen's hockey career has taken another turn. After attending some NHL camps, the Torontonian finds himself in the New York Islander system, playing for the Capital District Islanders in the American Hockey League (AHL).

Two years ago, he played between the pipes for the Springfield Indians and backed up their starting goaltender the year they won the Calder trophy as AHL champions.

Playing pro is quite a change from the college game, Cohen said. Where before he could get pumped up by the boisterous fans, now "it's my job."

The pressure in "the A" is greater since the players are substantially better and a string of bad games can see you collecting splinters at the end of the bench or, worse, see your career nosedive.

Last season, Cohen played in about 25 games while registering a goals-against average of around 3.5. On one occasion, he was named Bauer Player of the Week when he posted a 3-1 record.

At 26, Cohen still holds out hopes of making it to "the show" — as the NHL is known among minor leaguers.

He acknowledges there is a huge jump in calibre from one league to the next, with a quicker pace demanding faster reactions in the senior circuit.

Working out with the Islanders when their training camp opens in the fall, he'll get the chance to face shooters like Pat Lafontaine, and pick up advice from the team's goaltender coach, Billy Smith, two benefits that are sure to boost his game.

Like others who worked their way through the minor hockey circuit, from peewee to Junior B to Tier II Junior A (he was with Aurora Tigers the year they were runners-up on the Centennial Cup to Penticton), Cohen loves the game of hockey.

But he believes "politics" too often enters into it at all levels. Players can be "blackballed" just by failing to fit within a particular style of play or future plans that a manager is developing, he said.

Still, Cohen plans to continue playing until it's clear he can no longer cut it. In the off-season, he'll be head goaltending coach at the Seneca College Hockey School and hopes to next year offer his own short course in minding the net.

For his post-hockey career, Cohen looks forward to eventually putting his college education to good use and run a boat maintenance business in the United States. — P.L.

Paul Cohen in the New York Islanders uniform.

Zeidman, Ben Mordechai get NCJW scholarships

TORONTO —

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada Irene Samuel Scholarship is awarded to deserving students who are prepared to continue their studies so that they can teach Judaic courses in an accredited Canadian school.

This scholarship has been awarded for the last 25 years, and has opened doors of opportunity to those who may not be able to continue with their education due to finances.

Reena Zeidman

Galia Ben Mordechai

Reena Zeidman of Toronto has been named as one of the 1991 winners. She graduated from Newtonbrook High School in Toronto and attended night school at Associated Hebrew Schools.

She has attended a three-year PhD program at University of Toronto, studying Jewish history of the Talmudic era and for the past six years has studied Jewish history of the Second Temple and Talmudic Era.

For the completion of her MA she is writing her thesis on Jewish pagan relations in Israel in the first five centuries of our era. She will spend the summer refining her Hebrew in the advanced ulpan Hebrew program.

Zeidman has been awarded several scholarships: Ontario Graduate Scholarships, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. She is a well rounded academic with skills in music, swimming and water polo.

Galia Ben Mordechai was born in Israel and graduated from Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. She also attended the Associated Hebrew School in Toronto and the University of Tel Aviv.

In 1991 she attended York University and studied music and Judaic Studies. She also plans to spend one year in the Faculty of Education at York.

She has been the recipient of several scholarships: York University Merit Award, York University Undergraduate Bursary, Music Award from Associated Hebrew Schools. She sings with the Ne'imot singers and has played violin with the North York Concert Symphony.

She has been a writing contributor to the *Jewish Students Enquirer*, York University. She also enjoys sports: floor hockey, tennis, swimming.

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SCHOOL DONATION

Dalia Youseffi and Israel Blumenfeld present a cheque of over $1,400 to United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus from the students at Associated Hebrew Day Schools (Hurwich and Clark campuses). Accepting is Jeff Springer, UJA campaign associate. Also present are (from left) Rabbi Abraham Soffer, education director; Sandy Rabionwitz, general studies principal; and teachers Bella Rolnick and Cheryl Sonenberg. [Jay Brodbar-Nemzer photo]

Winnipeg's Sam Malmed feted with Barsky Award

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Sam Malmed, one of the Winnipeg Jewish community's towering figures was recently presented with an award named in honor of another outstanding humanitarian produced by this community.

At a brunch in his honor held at the Bnay Abraham Synagogue, the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation presented Malmed, in his 95th year, with its first Dr. Percy Barsky Humanitarian Award.

Barsky passed away a year ago. He built an outstanding reputation both as a pediatrician and health care advocate. One of his proudest achievements was helping to break down the barriers to Jewish medical students in Manitoba in the mid-1940s while he was still a student.

Barsky created the first poison control centre in Canada, introduced vitamin D into milk across Canada and measles vaccine into Manitoba. He spoke out frequently on health care issues.

"Dad cared for people of all races and particularly children," said his son, Ron Barsky in presenting the award to Malmed. He had a G-d-given gift to reach out to people."

"He was a friend to thousands of children patients and, through his work, benefitted thousands more," added Manuel Morry, chairman for the Malmed tribute brunch. "He was a friend of Shaare Zedek Hospital and a true humanitarian."

Barsky himself received the first Shaare Zedek Humanitarian Award in 1987 in recognition of his efforts to arrange ongoing exchange programs between Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre and the Shaare Zedek Hospital as well as establish a home care department at the Shaare Zedek Hospital. (He was the director of the HSC Children's Hospital Home Care Department for 18 years.) He had intended to lead a team of medical personnel to Jerusalem but was prevented by ill health from doing so.

Speaking on behalf of the hospital was Sheila Dropkin, executive director of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. She described one of Israel's oldest hospitals as "the hospital with heart."

Joe Wiesenthal, president of the CSZHF Winnipeg chapter, compared that spirit of human kindness and compassion with both Malmed and Barsky. "Dr. Percy Barsky epitomized that sense of service to humanity," he said. "Sam Malmed has no equal. He is a special person, special Jew, shaliach and humanitarian. I doubt we will ever see anyone like him again."

Sister Jo-Ann Dugan, of the St. Boniface Hospital, speaking on behalf of Winnipeg's hospital pastoral care givers, recalled celebrating with Malmed 50 years of his hospital visits and his regular visits to her department first thing every Monday morning for a list of Jewish patients in the hospital.

Malmed was introduced, in Yiddish, by his near contemporary Noach Witman who noted that, as a "one-man bikur cholim institution," Malmed doesn't need motions or constitutions or amendments. "All he needs are a few chocolates, candies, newspapers and he is on his way."

Malmed spoke of how he began his hospital rounds 57 years ago as sick visiting chairman for his synagogue, saw the need for what he was doing and simply continued doing it. He used to do it all by bus but, slowed now by age, he is driven to a different hospital every day by volunteer members of the two-year-old Sam Malmed Bikur Cholim Association including Dave and Miriam Diamond, Ernie and Muni Bronstein, Deena Kravetsky, Meyer Silver and Mitch Wagner.

The proceeds from the brunch, which attracted about 300 people, are all going toward the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre's Department of Geriatrics.

"I know my father would be proud to see Sam Malmed receiving this award," said Ron Barsky.

Hamilton to "buddy-up" for annual UJA campaign

HAMILTON —

A "buddy-up" mentor program to build continuing UJA leadership was introduced here recently at a cocktail party at the home of Bernie and Rhoda Katz.

Announcing the program, UJA campaign chairman, Sheldon Frank, said that he hoped that "in the tradition of our Jewish faith ... together we can learn from each other, and instil in those who will follow a loyalty to a strong, central community in Hamilton and in Canada that can better serve the ever exciting needs of Israel."

Frank, who is serving a second year as campaign chairman, and his wife Mary, will host a special gifts event at their home on Aug. 29 to mark the official opening of this year's UJA campaign.

The target for this year's campaign has been set at "$1 million plus," said federation executive director, Claire Mandel.

To meet the target, contributors will be asked for a 15 per cent increase over last year's gift.

Various UJA educational programs are still in the planning stage but the date for Super Sunday has been set for Sept. 15, launching the "weeks and months" of intensive telethons.

Mandel lauds last year's campaign "as the best ever achieved by this community."

For the first time in many years, Hamilton ran a two-card campaign — separate cards for Operation Exodus and UJA — and credit for its success, said Mandel, must go to the various chairmen for their dedication and hard work.

In addition to Frank, they include vice-chairman Larry Szpirglas, also continuing for a second year, as are Women's Division chairman and vice-chairman, respectively Stephanie McLean and CeCe Schreiber.

A new appointment in the Women's Division this year is that of Sandra Fuss as second vice-chairman.

Schreiber was also impressed with the response to last year's campaign, describing it as "phenomenal."

The recent huge immigration from Russia and Ethiopia, she noted, has made people realize the vast scope of Operation Exodus and Operation Shlomo.

"When you have something like this going on, it makes people realize what the scope is and that Israel can't do it alone ... that our help is critical," said Schreiber, who in April observed the immigration first hand prior to being honored, with her husband, Herb, at this year's Negev Tribute Dinner.

The Women's Division opens its campaign on Thursday, Oct. 3, with a champagne brunch and fashion show. Guest speaker will be Sheila Engels, immediate past president, national UIA Women's Division.

The Women's Division has streamlined its campaign and instead of each category having two chairmen, a captain and canvassers, all categories will now have only one chairman, said McLean.

"We always wanted to involve as many people as possible, but we really had too many people before. As far as logistics are concerned," she said, "this year's campaign is going much easier."

McLean also advises that "we're always open for new ideas. We welcome input."

The buddy-up mentor program, meanwhile, is for the Men's Division only.

Under this program a former campaign chairman is teamed with "a younger, less experienced UJA campaign worker," explains Mandel.

The goal, she added, is not only to develop leadership for this, and future campaigns, but ultimately also for the community as a whole.

A second event for participants recently was a barbecue at the home of Cele and David Steinberg, former Ontario Regional UIA chairman.

Reporting on the UJA Walkathon, Mandel said it was a "wonderful event," particularly since it involved a large number of immigrants from Russia.

"Almost all checkpoints were manned by the Russians and they were also involved in the [subsequent] picnic," a further step, she's delighted to note, to their "starting to become integrated and part of the community."

Calgary's JFS gets credit

CALGARY —

The Jewish Family Service has been recognized by the United Way of Calgary as the Agency of the Year. The award is given annually to the agency that best provides service in a financially responsible way.

In recognizing Jewish Family Service, United Way said that the agency, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year, has provided excellent service to the Calgary community and has adapted its activities to meet the needs it finds.

United Way credited JFS for establishing an employment bureau for immigrants from Russia, where the federal government, the YMCA and employment agencies refer their "hard-to-place" clients due to the agency's success rate.

"They have also tried to alleviate the conditions faced by victims of family violence," the United Way noted. "They have group counselling for survivors of sexual abuse including the only group in the city for male survivors of abuse.

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

Have I got a trip for you. **Thomas Cook,** the travel people who also issue a ton of travellers' checks, are celebrating their 150th birthday this year -- actually it was July 5 -- and are offering, among other things, a 34-day **Around the World Tour** by private jet.

Got your attention yet? Read on. It gets better. The tour, which begins Nov. 2 in **London, England,** visits six continents before wrapping up in **New York City** Dec. 4.

For those of you who only ever travel in your **Beamer or Benz** get ready for a treat because you'll be using types of transportation which may be a little more exciting. These include a Venetian gondola, Nile cruiser, felucca (a small Mediterranean coasting vessel), helicopter and funicular railway. The trip itself begins on the world's most romantic train--The Toronto-Hamilton GO shuttle. Just kidding. As you may have already guessed, I'm talking about **The Orient Express,** from **London to Venice.**

Then it's off to **Egypt** for a few days among the pyramids before attending the **Maharaja's Costume Ball** in **Delhi, India** where you will arrive in a horse-drawn carriage to a ceremonial welcome with elephants and camels. You should practice your **Queen Elizabeth** wave for this part of the trip. It's simple, but elegant and will give you a good feeling. After all, how often will you get a chance to ride in a carriage in India. Oh, and don't forget your pillbox hat. It's a solid backup to the wave.

But on with our trip. Four days in **China** will give you a chance to see the **Great Wall** before jetting off to **Hong Kong**. From there it's down under to **Australia,** mate, before making a relaxing stop in the **Pacific** paradise of **Tahiti.**

South America is next and a visit to **Chile's** remote **Easter Island** followed by a visit to the world's most spectacular waterfall, **Iguazu,** in **Argentina** before heading to **Rio de Janeiro.**

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Let's hope **Israel** stops dragging its feet and builds a pavilion at the **Epcot Centre** in **Florida.** According to **Tourism Minister Gideon Patt,** the **Jewish State** may lose its chance if it doesn't get moving. **Israel,** it seems, has had a lot of empty land at the theme park since 1983, but never got around to building on it.

Patt said the pavilion, which could be used to promote goodwill and tourism, would originally have cost $20 million to build, but would now cost $140 million, which the country can't afford.

Patt said it's only a matter of time before **Epcot** revokes its land grant to Israel. Some 25 million people each year pass through the technological and cultural theme park. **Patt** made his remarks at a signing of a tourism co-operation agreement between **Florida** and **Israel.**

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Thinking of vacationing in **Canada** by car this year. You may want to rethink your plans. According to the **Canadian Automobile Association** the cost for a family of four has gone up by 13.3 per cent over last year.

The **CAA** recommends that families budget an average of $244 a day -- $200.82 for food and lodging, plus $43 for every 500 km of driving.

Swiss museum shows splendor of rail travel

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

LUCERNE — Railroad buffs need go no further.

The Swiss Transport Museum, billed as the most comprehensive in Europe, is a superb showcase of trains in all their mechanical glory.

Here, just minutes away by car from central Lucerne, you will see the widest possible selection of locomotives from the past and the present.

But the Swiss Transport Museum, which is an ideal place for a day's outing, does not confine itself to railway paraphernalia.

Every conceivable mode of transportation — from automobiles to cable cars — is displayed in this 12-building complex on the shores of glassy Lake Lucerne.

But for this traveller, the highlight remains the railway exhibition, supposedly the largest in Europe.

Under the patronage of the Federal Swiss Railways, more than 60 gleaming locomotives and coaches, nearly all originals, crowd the airy exhibit hall.

I was particularly taken with a few of the locomotives — the 2965, the biggest steam locomotive ever built in Switzerland; the first electric standard gauge locomotive in Europe (1899); the Spanish Biscuit, the first railroad engine of Swiss origin; the C 5/6, the largest Swiss freight train steam locomotive; and the Landi-Lok Ae 8/14, which, in its day, was the most powerful locomotive in the world.

Further on, you can inspect the oldest luggage wagon, which was unveiled in 1857 and withdrawn from service in 1913.

For a change of pace, try the road transport section.

You'll see the legendary 1934 Mercedes Silver Arrow, whose top speed was 280 kilometres; a Volkswagen lookalike manufactured by Daimler-Benz; a steam-powered three-wheeler, circa 1877; and a 1922 Model-T Ford (in black, of course).

As well as cars from the pioneer days of the Swiss automobile industry, you can feast your eyes on sleighs, sedan chairs, bicycles and motor- bicycles.

Elsewhere, in an unobtrusive corner, you will see the oldest tracked vehicle in Switzerland — a 1780 coal tub used by miners.

Being vitally important to the Swiss tourist industry, cable cars take pride of place in another part of the museum. I was most impressed with the first cable car (1908). Although rather primitive in appearance, it is eminently sturdy and was, in its time, perfectly safe.

At the aeronautics exhibition, there are over 35 original aircraft, from the first Swiss biplane to the fastest sub-sonic passenger airplane, the CV-990 Coronado.

In the astronautic subsection, you'll find the U.S. Mercury and Gemini space capsules, the original moon suit and a moon rock fragment.

Clearly, the museum suits every taste. But for railroad aficionados, there is nothing finer — anywhere.

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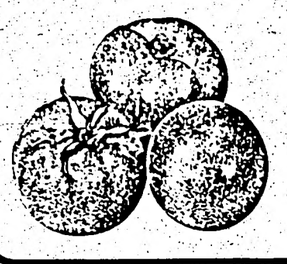
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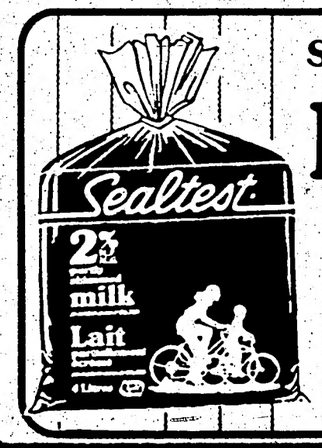

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Carson Palmer cures the buying blues with rentals

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

How many of us have purchased that perfect formal outfit that we will be able to wear over and over again, only to find it hanging in the back of the wardrobe a few months later after only one outing?

Either the dress is out of season or the wrong length or color by the time the next formal ocassion has come along. Out we race to find another perfect outfit.

As a consequence, most women have at least four or five formals that will require alterations before they can be worn again.

Is it possible to escape this vicious and costly circle?

Clarice Carson and Laura Palmer believe they have the answer.

A few months ago, they opened Carson Palmer, a clothing salon that specializes in the rental and sale of one-of-a-kind designer formal wear.

Located at 368 Eglington Ave., the firm offers a comprehensive selection of the latest fashions in sizes 6 through 18 from Canada, Europe and the United States.

On a visit to the store, I was overwhelmed both by the vast array of colorful gowns as well as the friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Carson said the store was a long time in the planning.

"My frustration with shopping was so overwhelming ... we decided to offer a different kind of service."

Service is the name of the game for their customers. Both Carson and Palmer related stories of how they have loaned their own shoes or jewelry to a customer who wanted to complete a certain look with the right accessories.

As well, if a customer wants to try on a gown that is featured in the window display, they can do so right away — there is no waiting until the window is changed.

Although this concept is new to the Canadian retail industry, the owners believe it is one that will take consumers by storm.

"Why should women, especially those who attend multiple functions, feel pressured to buy? Renting is much more fun while indulging your fantasies too," Carson said.

Palmer added that those who socialize with the same crowd want to be able to change their formals. They don't want just the basic black dress and a change of accessories — they want to go all out and that is something you can do when renting, she said.

"What I find intimidating is looking for beautiful, chic clothes in larger sizes. We feel that women wearing sizes 14-18 have been terribly let down by many stores. Carson Palmer will dress a diverse cross-section of women and we offer about 50 dresses in each size category. No two dresses are exactly the same," Carson said.

Designers represented include Stephen Caras, Carolina Herrera, Paola Luccini from Italy, Lars of Paris and Nancy Bracoloni, to name a few. Rental prices range from $75 to $1,000. A selection of prom dresses, bridal party dresses, handbags, jewelry and hair accessories are available.

The collection of gowns are found locally as well as in the United States.

For the future, the owners said they are interested in looking at the design work of Toronto's new designers. They urge anyone who is designing in either evening wear or maternity evening wear to drop by the store.

Carson and Palmer are also interestng in outfitting bat mitzvah girls. Instead of having to purchase a gown that the girl is sure to outgrow quickly, mothers may choose to rent a gown for the special event.

When asked about any stigmas that Canadians might have concerning the renting of a dress, Palmer said it was no different than a man renting a tuxedo. Carson added that this is really not an issue because "even the chic-est ladies are renting."

Upon viewing the gowns, one is to be assured that she will find nothing but the latest fashions and the owners are quick to point out that the stock is always up-to-date. They added that they only buy merchandise that is new, not used.

The two entrepreneurs have complementary backgrounds. Carson is a retired soprano opera singer. During her 25-year career she has played leading roles with the Metropolitan Opera Company, Chicago Lyric Opera and the Canadian Opera Company. She explained that as an opera singer she was exposed to the formal wear rental concept as she had to dress for the stage.

Palmer studied commercial art, design and illustration in St. Louis and Toronto. She has worked in display and merchandising for several retail stores.

Clarice Carson (standing) and Laura Palmer show off two of the many styles of evening wear dresses they have in their store that are available for renting.

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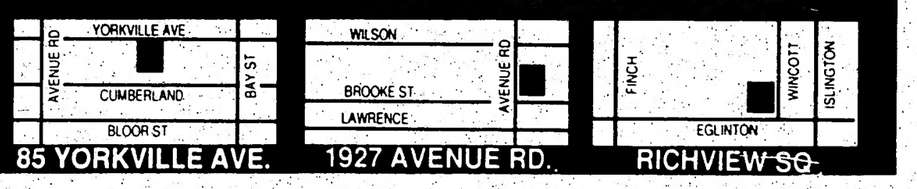

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From a small selection of T-shirts emblazoned with original graphic art, Marci Lipman has grown to become a complete ready-to-wear collection outfitting babies, toddlers, youths and adults.

The fabrics are soft and natural. For the most part, 100 per cent French terry, jersey and sheeting has been used.

The line includes sleepers and sundresses, playsuits and pants, shirts and shorts. There are also accessories to match: socks, tote bags and baseball caps.

Whimsical themes run throughout the collection. One deals with raising environmental awareness. The garment, entitled The World, is circled in royal blue and set on an evergreen forest. Cool the Globe takes Lipman's concern for the planet a few steps further.

One dollar from the sale of each shirt goes directly to Global ReLeaf. The hang tag urges "Use your voice, your wallet and your spade to affect change."

Solid colored fashions are available in shades of aqua, lavender, butter, royal and pink.

Prints such as island palms and swimming fish are printed on sizes from tiny to big so parents and children can match.

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North of Steeles

Two proposals being studied

Vaughan plans city centre as part of policy review

By
JEFF ROSEN

North York has one, so does Mississauga and Scarborough and if current plans continue on track, Ontario's 50th and newest city will have its own city centre by the year 2000.

Plans for Vaughan's city centre — consisting of hotels, shopping malls and high-rise development — are just part of the city's first official policy review.

Lorna Jackson, mayor of Vaughan for the past nine years, said city council is currently engaged in putting together a policy review to guide the city for the next 20 years.

"We are trying to predict what will happen and what kind of growth we will be getting and where it will be going," Jackson said.

According to consultants, says Jackson, the city is expected to grow to approximately 240,000 people in the next 20 years, up from 106,000 today. She said Vaughan currently has the infrastructure to accommodate another 44,000, but will need improved roads, transit facilities and additional infrastructure to grow beyond this.

The increased growth will come partially as a result of increased immigration, she said, which will push the public further north in search of housing. By and large, she expects Vaughan to continue to attract younger people seeking accommodation north of Metro Toronto's borders.

As a result, she expects single family homes in low density residential areas to continue to dominate the city's housing market. While acknowledging that there is a need for some high density units, she said the question of whether these take the form of rental or condominium units should be left up to the housing market.

Lorna Jackson

While the policy review would leave most of the city as farmland, it would extend the residential communities of Woodbridge and Thornhill north to Rutherford Road. As well, surrounding industrial and commercial areas would also see an increase in growth.

Jackson said she would like to see the city's tax assessment more evenly balanced between residential and industrial/commercial, instead of the current 60 per cent residential and 40 per cent industrial/commercial mix.

One of the avenues which Jackson hopes will help spur this increased development is the creation of a city centre.

She said that council is currently looking into proposals on two sites: one at Highway 400 and Major Mackenzie Drive and the other just south of it at Highway 400 and Highway 7.

Outlining the two proposals, she said that the first — at the centre of Vaughan — is from JDS Investments Ltd. and involves a mix of hotels, municipal, residential and commercial development and a shopping mall, similar to the West Edmonton Mall around Canada's Wonderland. As well, the summer theme park could be converted to year round use with indoor attractions.

She said that while JDS has sold a lot of their shares to Bramalea Ltd., Bramalea has expressed interest in pursuing the deal.

The other proposal is from Torstar Corporation and Wilson Century Theatres Ltd. in the Highway 400-Highway 7 area. Wilson Century currently uses its part of the property for the 400 Drive-In

It would see the creation of a man-made lake as a major urban design and would include a municipal administration building and civic centre on the banks of the lake. Adjacent to the lake, as well, would be a hotel.

A city centre in this area — just north of the planned Higway 407 — would also include entertainment and cultural facilities consisting of cinemas, live theatre and a library. Residential facilities in a park-like setting would include a mix of low and medium rise structures. Mid-rise office towers with retail/commercial space and a taller office building which would dominate the skyline would also be incorporated.

To the southwest of this city centre would be the Toronto Star production plant, which is scheduled to open in April 1992.

Jackson said that she expects the policy review and the decision of where to locate the city centre to be settled within a year. However, she added, negotiations on whether to relocate the city hall, currently located at Major Mackenzie near Keele Street, are expected to take longer.

In the meantime, Jackson said, Vaughan will continue to work on developing its own identity and concentrating on growth. She said the city has a lot of industrial promotion taking place internationally, as well as within the province to accomplish this. This industrial promotion includes appointing 12 "ambassadors" to spread the "good word" about Vaughan and an advertising campaign in the future.

Jackson pointed out that this industrial promotion push was one of the reasons Vaughan decided to change its status from a town to a city.

"We were really getting involved in a lot of international promotion and twinning with other cities. We found that in this type of promotion people overseas don't understand what a town is. To them it is a very small area. In looking for international investment we felt it was better saying we are a city. It is a better recognition of what we really are."

Jackson said that what Vaughan has been in the past 17 years since she arrived on the municipal scene as a local councillor is a rapidly growing

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Learning about Shabbat at Shaareh Haim Preschool are (from left) Darielle Teitelbaum, Joshua Koczerginski, and Stephanie Petroff. (See story on page 30.)

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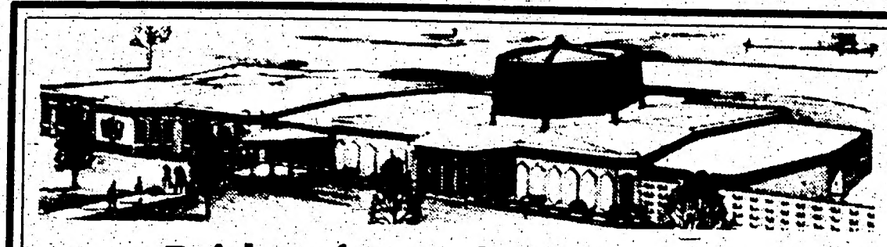

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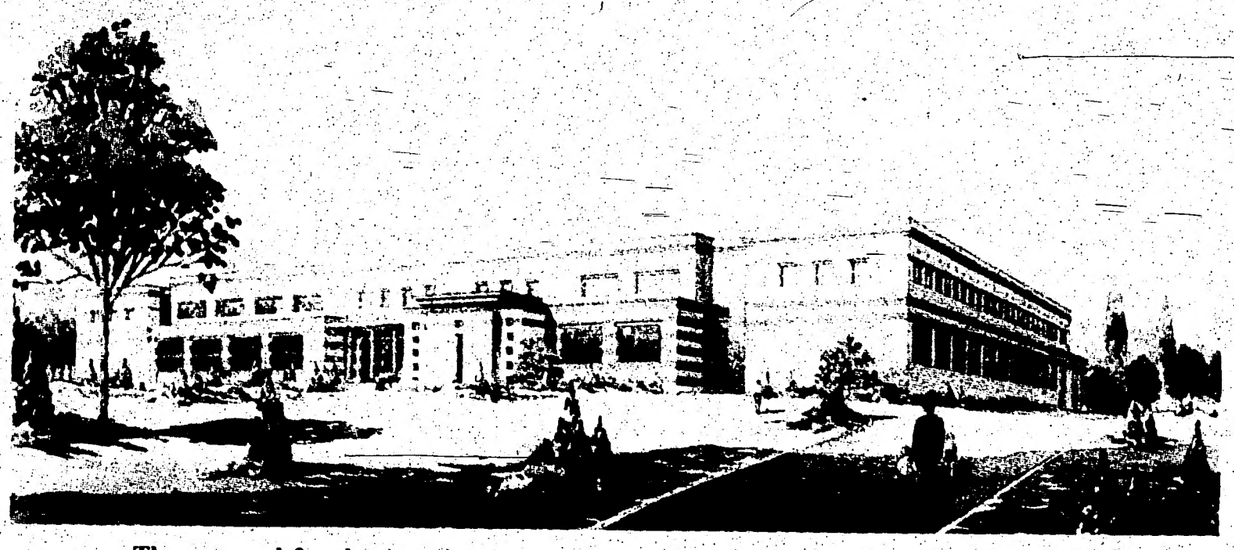

The proposal for the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto new elementary school.

Federation works with city, developers

JFGT helps secure school sites

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

An example of how the community can work together to reach common goals was demonstrated recently in the planning and development of new day schools in the Town of Vaughan.

The Toronto Jewish Congress, now the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT), has successfully negotiated for sites with various developers and officials at the municipality of Vaughan on behalf of several community day schools.

Jay Brodbar-Nemzer, assistant planning director of community planning and allocations at the JFGT told The CJN that in 1989, a number of schools were "vying" to get land north of Steeles "and it became apparent that there was an advantage of acting collectively rather than competing."

Through negotiations and active involvement in acquiring land and by bringing together the respective players, land has been secured for the Associated Hebrew Schools at Atkinson Avenue near Rosedale Heights Drive and for a site at Atkinson and Campbell to build both Leo Baeck Day School and Netivot Hatorah.

Brodbar-Nemzer says that minor details are still being worked out "but they are very close to resolution."

Associated engaged Nightingale, Quigley, Markrimichalos & Cugini as architects and J. S. Watson and Associates as project and construction managers. They are working on pre-construction tasks for the 100,000 square feet elementary school which will house more than 900 students from nursery through Grade 6.

The campus, estimated to cost $10 million, will include 30 classrooms, a library, gyms and assembly room.

Arthur Tanenbaum, executive vice-president of Associated, says that they expect that more than $5 million for the new campus will be derived from the sale of the Neptune school.

"We hope that the new campus will open in September of 1993," says Tanenbaum. On the other hand, "Associated is committed to providing a school branch for those children who live in the Bathurst-Wilson area."

Leo Baeck Day School, presently leasing a site on Kenton Drive from the North York Board of Education, also has a target date for opening a school on their new site in September of 1993.

Leo Baeck has engaged the architectural firm of Nightingale & Quigley for a 50,000 square feet building for 500 students. The new school will include about 28 classrooms, an auditorium, gym, chapel, library and resource centre.

Estimated at a a cost of $5 million, Rabbi Steven Garten, the director of Leo Baeck, says that the building committee expects to raise the funds from the present and future parent body, the alumni and the community.

"Over 60 per cent of our students in the younger grades live north of Steeles," says Rabbi Garten, "and we do not see a significant problem with transportation."

He added that discussions are presently taking place "that the building will also be a centre for Reform Judaism." The plans are to house office facilities for the administration and programmatic needs for Reform Judaism in Ontario and Canada.

According to Rabbi Avi Schochet, the principal of Netivot Hatorah, plans are already underway to begin building the new school early in 1992 with a projected school opening in September of 1993.

At an estimated cost of $4 million, the school is in the final planning stages by architect Benjamin Schultz & Associates. The new school is expected to house more than 500 students from nursery through Grade 8. Rabbi Schochet said the present schools will be closed.

The new school will include 24 classrooms, a Bet Hamidrash, auditorium, gym, computer room, media centre and art room.

Allan Rutman, president of Netivot Hatorah, echoed the sentiments of leaders at the other day schools when he extended "our particular thanks to Toronto Jewish Congess, Regional Councillor David Chapley and Vaughan Councillor Bernie Green for their efforts."

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Townhomes, small units on market as developers woo first-time buyers

By JEFF ROSEN

With the effects of the 1990 recession still fresh in their minds, many housing developers are extending an outstretched hand to an often ignored market — the first-time home buyer.

Don Ferri, manger of Belstar Realty Ltd., said that for the past eight months developers in the Richmond Hill-Thornhill area have concentrated on the first-time home buyer, looking for smaller lots to build smaller homes and townhouses.

While forecasting that developers will eventually return to the larger developments which characterized the late 1980s in two to three years, Ferri does not believe that first-time buyers will be completely shut out again.

"They saw what happened when they didn't have the product," said Ferri, who acts as an associate broker at the Richard Hill-based firm.

Ferri pointed out that the 12-year-old real estate company recently moved their head office into larger premises in Richmond Hill in order to be more accessible to their market.

"I feel we've been active here for the past 10 years and have built a large and quite active base," he said.

Pointing to the improved housing market this year over 1990, Ferri said that Belstar has "survived the recession quite well" and is in a strong position compared with other real estate firms.

He said that there are quite a few new developments beginning in the Bayview-16th Avenue area, Yonge-Elgin Mills and Bathurst-Centre areas.

Ferri said that he believes that despite the economic downturn, York Region will continue to grow for the next 10 to 15 years due to the large amount of land available for development.

As to how far north he believes people will move, Ferri said it depends in part on the availability of transportation facilities, pointing out that GO Transit now has regular service from Barrie.

Prices will always be a factor as well, Ferri continued, pointing out that development in Newmarket is still going strong as prices there are "reasonable."

In Newmarket, just south of the town proper on Yonge Street, Regal Crest Homes (773-9575) is almost finished selling Caribou Valley Homes — a development of 67 townhomes starting at $149,900.

The units, which are scheduled for a late summer-early fall completion, range in size from 1,048 square feet to 1,650 sq ft. The townhomes include solid oak staircases, big bay windows and window seats inside the bay windows and turret units. As well the area is surrounded by plenty of luscious landscaping.

Town-Wood Homes (773-6760) is also making their mark in Newmarket near Regal Crest off Yonge St. (Highway 11) just north of the Newmarket-Aurora border. Town-Wood is developing Amberwood (773-6760) and Pine Orchard Village. The former consists of single family homes ranging in price from $249,000 to $350,000 and size from 1,670 sq ft to 3,100 sq ft.

George Bowles, sales representative with Town-Wood, said that the first phase, consisting of about 60 homes, is almost sold out and selling of phase two is underway. The second phase will see an additional 60 units constructed, he said.

Bowles said that Town-Wood is receiving a "tremendous response" to the bungalows in the development.

"A lot of people want and need bungalows," said Bowles, pointing out that Town-Wood will customize a bungalow, if need be, to accommodate a handicapped person. (This service is available at Town-Wood's various housing sites.)

As people with different disabilities require different modifications, a standard package of features was not created. However such modifications could include a ramp to the front entrance, lever-style door handles, grab bars in the washrooms and wider door openings.

Pine Orchard Village (773-7275), just across the road from Amberwood, is a complex of 130 townhomes. Bowles said that phase one is now sold out and phase two is half sold. Completion of these units is expected for late fall.

The units range in price from $159,900 to $184,900 and in size from 1,242 sq ft to 1,769 sq ft.

Bowles said the townhome development includes an extensive landscaping package incorporated into the area. As well, emphasis has been placed on including children's play areas into the site.

Travelling south on Yonge into Richmond Hill, an established fixture is the sales office of Upper Yonge Village (884-3722), just north of Elgin Mills. The development, planned in four phases, takes in 550 single detached homes.

Phase three includes detached all clay brick homes in the $239,900 to $330,000 price bracket, ranging in size from 1,800 sq ft to 3,000 sq ft. Already some of these homes are ready for occupancy and the remainder are scheduled to come on-line in late fall.

The homes on 35- to 50-foot lots include fireplaces, two car garages and two and a half bathrooms. Ceramics and 35-ounce carpeting is available in an upgrade package.

Nearby, the "new kid on the block" North Star Homes (508-7146) is selling a development of 61 detached homes, also off Yonge Street north of Elgin Mills. The nine home designs in this area range from 1,700 sq ft to 3,180 sq ft in size and are priced from $239,900 to $349,900.

Closing of North Star models is scheduled for December 1991.

Joan Mazer, sales representative with North Star Homes, said a top quality upgrade package is included in each unit including plywood subfloors, ceramics throughout the home, 35-ounce carpeting and floor-to-ceiling casement windows.

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While higher priced homes are nothing new to the area on Bayview Avenue north of Highway 7, what is new is that developers are beginning to offer bungalows to prospective home buyers.

Greenpark Homes and Town-Wood Homes Ltd. are including bungalows among their housing units in the Bayview Hunt Club on the west side of Bayview between Highway 7 and 16th Avenue.

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Jackson seeking re-election to help complete review

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area. Back then, she said, council was just starting to look at Thornhill, which consisted of a couple of streets running off Yonge Street.

"At that time we were doing our 20-year plan and Thornhill just started to grow and build up," said Jackson. Likewise, she said that Maple and Woodbridge have also seen rapid development in the past 10 years.

While the current policy review is the municipality's first official plan, she explained that in the past council drafted official plans for the city's various communities. However, the current policy review pulls all the areas together to provide council with a complete picture of the entire city.

While Jackson does not believe that the review will be completed by end of this council's term in November, she said she plans on seeking re-election to ensure that it comes into place.

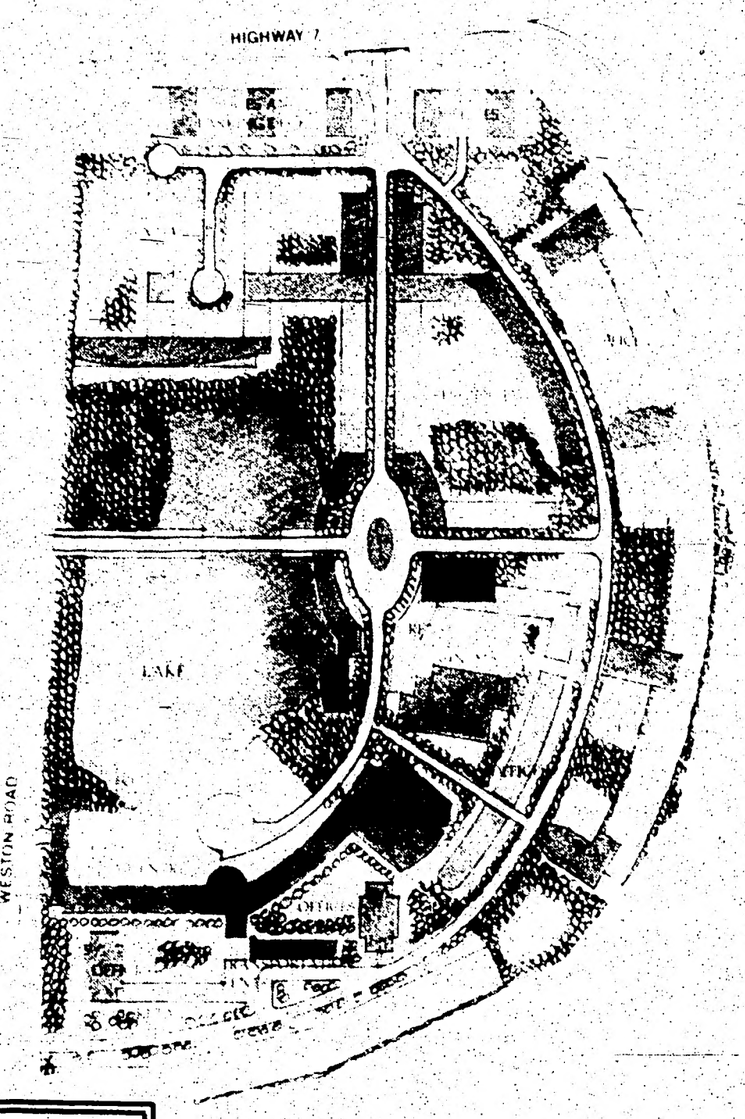
Jackson said that if returned as mayor she would like to see the city improve its social services, including providing a home for the aged.

Jackson said that while surveys have shown that most residents are now concerned more with recreation facilities, such as arenas and swimming pools, for their children, she feels the city's needs will change as its population matures, necessitating the need for services for a wider age group.

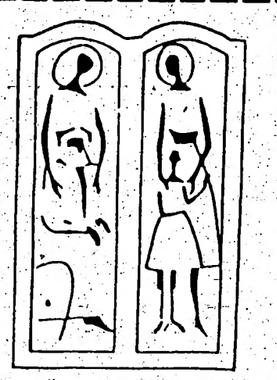
More immediate though, she said she would like to see the future of the Keele Valley landfill site settled in the next term.

While the landfill was scheduled to close in 1994, Ontario Environment Minister Ruth Grier recently announced that she plans to expand the Keele Valley landfill — one of three sites currently handling most of the garbage from the Toronto area — as an intern dump site because alternative sites would not be ready until 1995. This would be accomplished by extending the site's contours and height to accommodate more garbage.

"It has to be closed as far as I'm concerned," she said. "We had an agreement with Metro Toronto that when it reached certain contours it would be capped off, landscaped and grassed and we would have a ski hill and golf course."



Proposed plan for Vaughan city centre by Torstar Corp. and Wilson Century Theatres Ltd.



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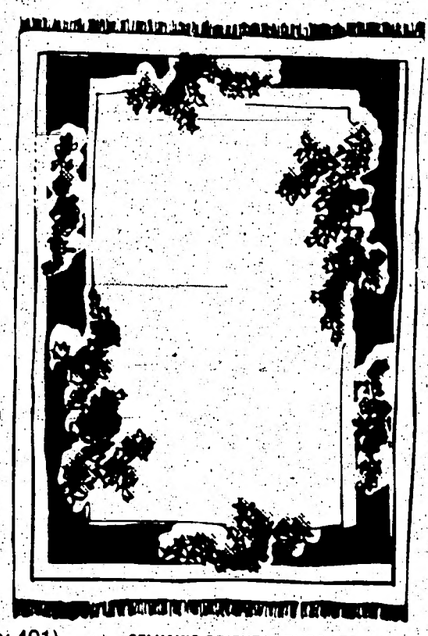

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By FRANCES KRAFT

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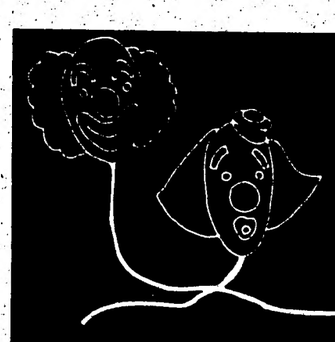

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Jewish schools continue to flourish throughout region

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

As more and more people move into York region, Jewish schools in the area continue to grow and flourish.

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, with more than 500 students in three portables in a temporary location behind the Promanade Shopping Centre, is planning to build a permanent campus on Atkinson near Rosedale Heights Drive. This campus, due to open in the fall of 1993 will replace the Promenade portables.

Classes at this campus now range from nursery to Grade 2 and as well as a general studies curriculum, students learn about Jewish laws, traditions and holidays.

Call Associated Hebrew Schools at 223-4845.

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B'nai Sholom Hebrew School, a traditional Conservative supplementary school, is affiliated with the Jewish Board of Education. Classes, which run from one to three days a week are for students four-13 years of age and are held at Yorkhill Elementary School at 350 Hilda Ave.

B'nai Sholom curriculum includes such things as Hebrew reading and writing, Jewish holidays and customs, Siddur study and special holiday celebrations.

B'nai Sholom also has a government licensed day nursery for children ages 18 months to five years. The school, which has a capacity for 40 children runs year-round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and offers a full educational program. The school is located at 275 Arnold Ave. across from the Promenade Shopping Centre.

For more information call 731-2797.

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Cheder Chabad, a Lubavitcher day school located at 770 Chabad Gate, north of Bathurst and Steeles offers classes for about 100 boys from nursery age to Grade 6.

As well as studying the Bible and learning Hebrew, students partake in a general education curriculum.

The **Lubavitch Learning Centre**, at 770 Chabad Gate, is a half-day preschool for boys and girls ages 2½ to 4½ years. The school offers such things as arts and crafts, free play and a hands on approach to Jewish holidays and themes.

At **Chabad Markham** on Guardsman Road children ages 2½ to five can attend Torah Tots, a ½ day pre-school program that runs five days a week.

The Torah Tots curriculum includes Hebrew content, holidays and creative movements and the school is known for its warm, caring teachers and small child-teacher ratio.

Director Goldie Plotkin says that as well as providing children with a good feeling for Judaism in a non-threatening way, the school is able to incorporate both secular and Jewish themes into its curriculum.

Chabad Lubavitch also offers a supplementary Hebrew school for boys and girls from senior kindergarten age to bar and bat mitzvah. The school, which rents space at Thornlea Secondary School runs three days a week, depending on the age of the child.

To show that Judaism means more than just learning, the school runs a Tzivos HaShem Club on Saturday nights for children ages nine to 12. The children partake in such activities as bowling, golfing and skating.

Call Chabad Lubavitch at 731-7000.

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About 250 children from nursery age to Grade 6 have been attending the Spring Farm campus of **Eitz Chaim Schools** since it opened in 1987.

The Orthodox day school offers a curriculum of Hebrew and general studies. The branch is co-ed from nursery to senior kindergarten and girls only in older grades.

For information call Eitz Chaim at 764-6633.

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Ner Israel Yeshiva of Toronto, an Orthodox yeshiva for about 100 boys grades 9 to 13 has a 20-acre campus at 8950 Bathurst St. north of Highway 7.

As well as offering a curriculum that includes advanced Hebrew and general studies, the school has a post graduate program for about 20 students.

For more information call 731-1224.

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Shaareh Haim Hebrew School in Richmond Hill is a Conservative school for children ages four to 13. The curriculum includes Hebrew, prayer, Jewish history and holidays.

As well as the regular curriculum, students partake in such activities as the Zimriyah music festival, Rikudiyah dance festival and National Bible Contest.

Call 884-8400 for more information.

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Temple Har Zion Nursery School, located at 7360 Bayview Ave., south of John Street has facilities for about 80 pre-school age children. They take part in such activities as music, creative movement and Hebrew.

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Temple Har Zion also offers a religious school for about 400 students ages four-16. The classes, held at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, 50 Francine Dr., run up to four days a week according to grade level and are for temple members only.

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School curriculum includes Hebrew, Bible, Jewish history customs and lifestyles and Reform Jewish thought. The school also offers an integrated program for disabled youngsters and others with special needs.

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Torah Ohr Hebrew School is a supplementary school with locations in Richmond Hill at Pleasantville Public School, 400 Mill St. near Bathurst and in Thornhill at Bayview Fairways Public School at 255 Bayview Fairways Dr.

The school has several hundred students who learn about such things as modern Hebrew reading and writing, Jewish traditions, holidays and history. Students are mainly from the Conservative movement or are unaffiliated.

Call Torah Ohr at 785-1161.

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At **United Congregational Schools**, a supplementary Conservative Hebrew school, students take part in a curriculum that includes Hebrew, Jewish holidays and customs.

The school operates out of two Thornhill locations and holds Sunday classes at a third in Downsview. Call 633-1338 for more information.

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About 160 students from kindergarten to Grade 3 are enrolled at the Richmond Hill campus of **United Synagogue Day Schools,** located at Shaareh Haim Synagogue .

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Women's service groups adding new chapters for growing population

By
FRANCES KRAFT

York Region's thriving service groups for Jewish women reflect the ever-burgeoning Jewish population north of Metro Toronto.

One of the newest groups, for women living in Newmarket and Aurora is the Northern Lights chapter of **B'nai Brith Women of Canada**. The group chartered quickly, reports Eileen Fields, member services coordinator, and has 29 members "of all ages," although the majority are women with young families.

Northern Lights is B'nai Brith Women's fifth chapter to charter in York Region. The Markham-Unionville chapter was established seven years ago.

Most groups meet twice a month, usually in the evening, and alternate business meetings with programs such as speakers. Community service, such as Northern Lights' visiting Jewish residents in area nursing homes, and fund raising projects are also on the agenda. BBW charities include a kosher shelter for abused women in Toronto and a group house/children's home in Israel.

A new project for BBW this year was a cross-Canada knitting project called "Mountains of Mittens" which provided mittens for over 1,200 inner-city school children.

For further information call B'nai Brith Women of Canada at 630-9313.

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Hadassah-WIZO, which has 74 chapters in the Toronto area, is hoping to start a chapter in the Newmarket/Keswick/Aurora area, says membership chairman Lisa Sheinbaum. There are "lots of chapters in Thornhill," says Sheinbaum, and several chapters have members from a variety of locations.

Last year a new chapter was formed north of Steeles for young married professional women. Sheinbaum reports that membership in that chapter has doubled to 30 women, a "tremendous" size for a group just one year old. There are two Hadassah Chapters for single women.

Most Hadassah chapters meet every two or three weeks for a program or speaker. Fund-raising projects for individual chapters have included programs such as a Chinese dinner.

Call 789-4373 fore more information.

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National Council of Jewish Women has about 400 members living north of Steeles, according to Toronto Section president Gita Arnold.

The newest branch doesn't even have a name yet, says Arnold. It consists of about a dozen single professional women in their 20s, 30s and 40s. They have had two meetings so far, both held at Council House, which is centrally located both for members living north of Steeles and for those farther south.

New NCJW branches focus on social activities

New branches aren't expected to fund-raise during their first year, the focus being service, social and educational, says Arnold. Meetings are usually held every two or three weeks from September until June, and Council will provide a list of speakers to help branches with their programming.

To enable members to get the most of their membership dollars, Council is also assisting branches who wish to share speakers.

Changes are becoming apparent in community services as well. "Women's needs are so different now," says Arnold. Council aims to fit service projects with working women's time constraints. "We go and research and find services," says Arnold.

Recently NCJW served as organizers for the volunteers staffing the Day in the Warsaw Ghetto photo display at Hart House. Passover food baskets for needy Jews are an annual service project, and NCJW is also involved in helping recent immigrants.

For more information about NCJW, call 633-5100.

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Toronto **Women's ORT** has added a new chapter in York Region this year. Neiva chapter, most of whose members live in Thornhill or Richmond Hill, consists of about 20 Russian-speaking women.

Other chapters in York Region include Chaverim, a chapter for young couples, and Shalom, with most members in Thornhill. Meetings for most ORT groups are once a month throughout the year.

Funds raised support the ORT school network in Israel. A major fund-raiser is planned for the end of November at the Royal Alexandra Theatre to honor Anne and Ed Mirvish. Phyllis Diller will star and Al Waxman will be master of ceremonies.

Call 787-0297 for more information about ORT.

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Emunah Women of Toronto has two chapters in York Region. They meet once a month.

World Emunah Women will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year. To mark the occasion, Emunah Women of Toronto will probably have a gala late next spring. It will likely be held in a private home north of Steeles, according to Emunah Women of Toronto president Ann Roseman.

Past fund raising activities have included cooking demonstrations and a melave malka. All funds raised go to Emunah Women projects in Israel, such as Neve Michael, a children's village in Pardes Chana (between Tel Aviv and Netanya) which opened after the Second World War for children who were orphaned in the Holocaust.

Recently, Emunah has taken in children who lost their homes in the Scud missile attacks during the Gulf War, and its facilities serve as absorption centres for Ethiopian children.

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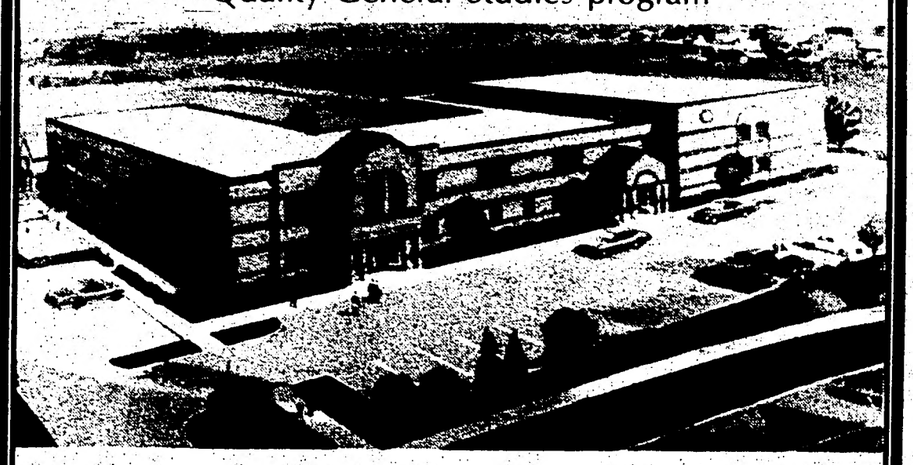

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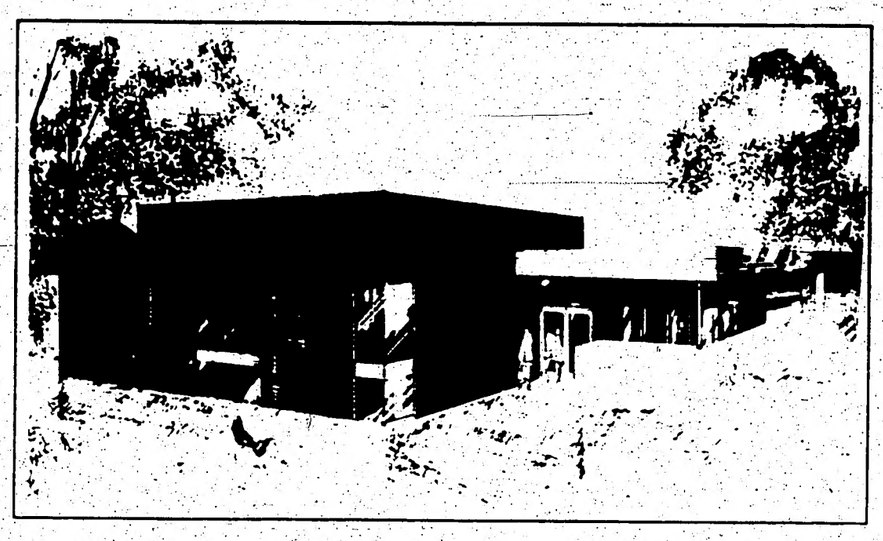

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Architect Richard Idels at the gazebo in Yorkville North shopping mall.

Architect participates in local community

Idels makes mark on Thornhill

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

What do Ner Israel Yeshiva and Yorkville North Shopping Centre have in common?

Nothing much — except that they are both the creations of Thornhill architect Richard Idels.

So are Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, Eitz Chaim Spring Farm campus, the extension to Eitz Chaim's Patricia campus and Agudath Israel synagogue in North York, and various shopping malls, condominiums and private homes in York Region and other parts of Ontario, Toronto and in Israel.

But Idels is not just a builder of buildings: he leads the Nafshenu Orchestra, lectures on music and architecture and synagogue and mikvah design, and sits on the boards of various orthodox communal organizations.

And somehow, Idels, red-bearded and with a perpetual sparkle in his eye, also finds the time to maintain his Torah studies.

Idels is an advocate of "environmental psychology"; that is, the notion that architecture should translate psychological needs and goals into physical reality.

Considerations like the height of a ceiling, the number and size of windows, even the composition of the outer walls are weighed in designing a building.

In the prospectus issued by his firm, Idels Architect Inc., he explains his belief that "space, as the theatre of human accomplishment, can be a positive factor in motivating man towards the ultimate goal of human perfection, through positive architectural and urban spatial experiences."

For a house designed for a family that values Shabbes meals, for instance, the room in which the meal is eaten would "be really special, in relation to the rest of the house, and in relation to the outdoors, large, maybe on levels, maybe with easy access to outside for nice days."

Born in Buffalo, Idels was "rescued" as he wryly puts it, at 4 or 5 years of age when his family moved to Miami.

He says he decided to become an architect at a career day in Grade 8.

After graduating from the University of Florida, he studied and worked with world famous Italian architect Leonardo Ricci.

Lest one think he was merely the scholarly type, he gleefully talks about sailing across the Atlantic with several friends.

He casually remembers being caught in storms, getting lost, hitting a reef, and swimming in the ocean "until I met some sharks, and decided that wasn't for me."

After spending a year at Ricci's studio Urbanistica, in Florence, Idels moved to Israel, where he stayed, on and off, for some seven years.

In 1981, Toronto philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum asked him to move to Thornhill to build "his" shul, Beth Avraham Yoseph, which Idels worked on with Toronto architect Ben Schultz.

Recently, he opened his own office in Thornhill-Vaughan. Some of his latest efforts have included Shaareh Haim day and nursery school building, and condos, houses and industrial communities in such plances as Orillia, Niagara Falls and Waterloo.

Together with Yehuda Gilden and Dovid Kerzner, Idels runs the Nafshenu Orchestra, which performs at bar mitzvahs, weddings, concerts and with international artists, such as Shlomo Carlbach.

"Music is the love of my life. When I'm playing, I can forget everything else in the world."

Idels noted that there is a "spiritual parallel" between music and architecture.

"In both of them, there are counterpoints, balance, symmetry."

The other love in Idels life is his family; wife Janis, who is the business manager of the band, daughters Rifkie and Rachel Chaya, and son Shimmy.

The challenge of the architect, according to Idels, is an exciting one: to meld the ideas, taste and needs of the client with the municipal codes and by-laws, the budget, and the physical limitations and possibilities of the location.

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There's nothing fishy about seaweed at Lipsey's Kosher Food Warehouse

By
FRANCES KRAFT

If you're looking for kosher seaweed, you'll find it at the recently opened Kosher Food Warehouse in Thornhill.

But if you've never even thought of buying seaweed, consider this: according to Tony Lipsey, affable Scottish-born ba'al t'shuva proprietor of the store, kombu, (a type of seaweed) is good to put in cholent, since it reduces the gas produced by the traditional bean-based Sabbath dish.

Kombu also softens and adds a slightly salty flavor to the cholent. A small (60-gram) bag, at $3.69, "lasts forever," says Lipsey.

For those with less esoteric shopping lists, the Kosher Food Warehouse offers items such as dairy products, bulk candy, soup mixes, pasta, rolled oats, grains, dried fruit, nuts and coffee beans (which they will grind for you). They also carry items for wheat free, macrobiotic, low cholesterol and low fat diets, in addition to some cholov yisroel products.

Lipsey is knowledgeable about his stock, with kitchen skills acquired as a boy in Glasgow when his mother was in the catering business and an interest in health foods dating back to his early university days some 22 years ago.

He's also following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Baruch Lipschitz, who ran a kosher bakery-cum-food store in a section of Glasgow called the Gorbals. When Lipschitz opened his store in 1916, the Gorbals was home to a thriving but poverty-stricken Jewish community living for the most part in tenement apartments. Lipschitz used to leave his door open on Shabbat, and neighborhood women had the use of his ovens to heat their cholent.

The Kosher Food Warehouse doesn't have ovens, but Lipsey could probably find you a recipe for cholent if you want to make it. He keeps a shelf near the front of the store for reference books, mostly books about herbs and a selection of vegetarian and kosher cookbooks.

Tony Lipsey says kombu, seaweed, can help make cholent more digestible.

Shares kitchen duties

At home Lipsey shares kitchen responsibilities with his wife Shayna, a native of St. Thomas, Ontario, whom he met in Israel after completing a master's degree in psychology at the University of Glasgow. He also has a background in computers and has taught and done consulting work in that field.

The Kosher Food Warehouse is a family business and Shayna Lipsey can be found in the store when she is not on the job as a social worker for the York Region Board of Education. The three Lipsey children have helped deliver flyers in the area.

The store is located on Doncaster Avenue, a street known for its discount prices. Lipsey offers case prices for large families and wholesale and discount prices for kosher bakeries, restaurants, schools, synagogues and other institutions. The store is under COR certification.

Canny kosher consumers will watch for specials at 75 cents, $1.75, $2.75 and so on. The numbers serve as a reminder of Lipsey's great-grandfather's store in Glasgow, which opened 75 years before his own, and coincidentally of The Kosher Food Warehouse's address (75 Doncaster). Even the phone number ties in: 764-7575.

In addition to selling food, the Kosher Food Warehouse offers gift baskets. On display recently was a gift pack for a child going away to camp. Packaged in a knapsack, it included sundries such as a water jug, flashlight, toothbrush and toothpaste as well as kosher candies.

Lipsey also sells loot bags and prepackaged snacks. He will soon have kosher vitamins.

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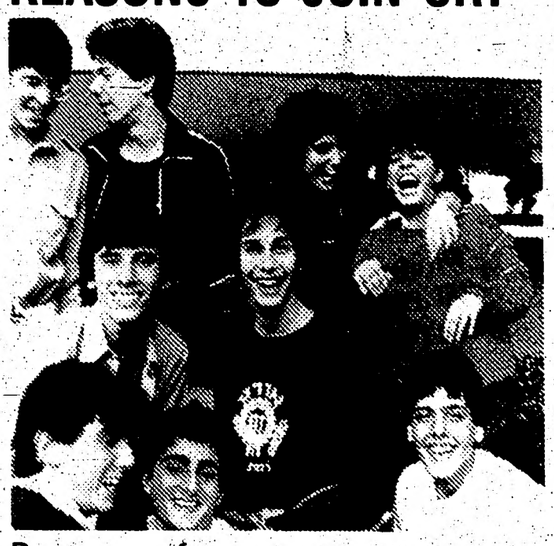

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By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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The system, finalized recently by York Regional Council, will replace the many seven digit numbers now necessary to reach police, fire and ambulance services.

Because the new system automatically identifies the phone number and exact location of the caller, emergency crews will have a much easier time responding to calls and thus emergencies will be handled quite quickly.

In addition, those in an emergency situation will not have to worry about what number to dial or waste time going through the telephone operator.

The new set-up will be located in headquarters now under construction in Newmarket.

For now, emergency numbers are as follows: For fire in Richmond Hill, call 884-1323; Vaughan, 832-2222; Aurora, 727-1911 and Markham, 477-1111.

Emergency calls to the police are: Richmond Hill, 773-1221; Vaughan, 893-1131; Aurora, 727-3114 and Markham, 887-5877.

Alan Dessau

Dessau local head of United Way

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Thornhill accountant Alan Dessau has been elected president of the United Way of York Region.

A partner in the accounting firm of Fuller Jenks Landau, Dessau has been active in Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, Senior Care, and Baycrest Centre.

As well, he has been president of Temple Har Zion, treasurer of Kadima, the Zionist arm of the Reform movement, and spent three years as a member of the board of the United Way.

Dessau and his wife Joan have three children; Jeffrey, a chartered accountant with offices in the region, Ruth, who works at the Bernard Betel Centre, and Linda, a music therapist.

Dessau told The CJN that he would like to get individuals and ethnic groups in the region, including Jews, involved in the United Way, in volunteering, fund raising and in planning and using the services.

It appears that Jewish Family and Child Service, which has offices in the Promenade Shopping Mall, will receive a grant this year.

Based on dollars raised, United Way of York Region is the 17th largest United Way in Canada, out of 121.

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Bungalows on rise in Richmond Hill

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models. The units are selling from $449,900 to $529,900. Sizes range from 2,808 sq ft for the smallest of the bungalows to 4,469 sq ft for a single detached. Lot sizes are 60- and 66-feet wide and some ravine lots are available.

Greenpark is expecting closings on its early units in January and February and is expected to be finished on the site by May 1992 at the latest.

Town-Wood (731-7789) is also including bungalows among its 194 units in Bayview Hunt Club. Prices range from $457,900 for a 2,293 sq ft bungalow to $563,900 for a 5,306 square foot single family home.

(Town-Wood is also developing the following areas north of Steeles: Bayview Hill in Richmond Hill, 669-1615 and Stonehaven in Newmarket, 773-6761.)

Greenpark is also continuing to make its mark in York Region. Besides building in the Bayview Hunt Club, Greenpark has started selling units for Richmond Gate at Bayview and Highway 7 and is maintaining its presence further north along Bayview in Bayview Hill and in Manor Gate.

At Richmond Gate, Greenpark is offering homes from $255,900 with models up to 2,972 sq ft. Lot sizes are up to 50-feet wide.

On Yonge Street, Greenpark is offering units in the Richmond Meadows development, just south of 19th Avenue. These units are running from $289,900 to $357,900 and range in size from 2,023 sq ft to 3,700 sq ft.

Also making their presence felt in Richmond Meadows is Millwood Homes (508-4371) and Tribute Homes (508-4920). The later firm is building 50 homes, most of which are already sold.

Tribute Homes was offering a number of luxury features in its models including: colonial wood trim and "classique" doors, quality broadloom, oversized "Roman style" bathtubs, fully graded and sodded lots, asphalt roof shingles, oak handrails and pickets and laundry chutes from upper level to laundry room.

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In the Bathurst-Clark area development is continuing in a big way. Beauclaire (660-0543) is building approximately 240 units, including about 90 townhomes which have all been sold.

Synagogues gearing up for High Holy Day services

By
BEN ROSE

A new synagogue, **Or Hadash**, in Newmarket will hold High Holy Day Services in the Green Acres Nursing Home auditorium.

"The Jewish population is growing rapidly in this area," said Lori Cohen, one of Or Hadash's directors.

A total of 93 families have come to one or another of its functions, Cohen said, though not all have joined.

The new synagogue is not affiliated yet, but Cohen said about two-thirds of its members have indicated an interest in the Reform movement and one-third in Conservative affiliation.

It has already held Shavuot services and a Purim party in the York Toy Library and plans are to have either Friday evening or Shabbat services there after the High Holy Days.

Or Hadash is opening a Hebrew School in September at Mazo de la Roche public school with a full, authorized curriculum of five and one-half hours a week from age five to bar mitzvah with an expected enrolment of 60 children.

It will also include a play group for two to four year olds.

For further information call Lori Cohen (416) 898-7506.

Under the title of "Tot Shabbat" **Shaar Shalom Congregation** has inaugurated a special program for children under five in the past year and it will resume again after Labor Day.

The synagogue's permanent new sanctuary opened this year and members have become comfortable with the new facility, Rabbi Howard Markose said.

Sunday youth programs for both pre and post bar-bat mitzvah ages include outings and field trips.

Labor Day, 300 members and their families will attend the Blue Jay-Baltimore Orioles game at the Skydome.

Several youth services will be held during the High Holy Day services this year by **Chabad Lubavitch of Markham** at the Thornhill Community Centre.

A games room for children will be provided during the services.

This development follows the success of the junior congregations held Friday evenings and Shabbat during the year at its synagogue at 55 Guardsman Rd., and of the youth social programs Saturday nights and Sundays for ages 7-13.

The synagogue, led by Rabbi Avraham Plotkin, has developed a wide-ranging community education program.

Lubavitch Community Centre on Chabad Gate continues to be very active among Israeli newcomers to the area, according to Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum, executive vice-president. It added a staff member to help Israelis adjust to life in Toronto.

Chabad Lubavitch is one of the pioneers north of Steeles. Its own building opened five years ago.

Its learning centre includes facilities for caring for chidren as young as two years and a cheder for boys. It holds daily, Shabbat and holiday services

"Our doors are wide open and our philosophy is to serve people," said Rabbi Grossbaum.

Rabbi Solomon Domb will conduct and lead the services at **B'nai Sholom North Congregation** during the High Holy Day services this year.

They will be held in the main multi-purpose room of the Garnet Williams Community Centre and members of the shul will have reserved seats.

This year for the first time, starting in September, the synagogue's nursery will be open to children as young as 18 months. A new toddler's room has been opened in its building at the corner of Arnold and Bathurst Streets, opposite the Promenade Mall.

For further information call 731-2797.

Membership in **Temple Kol Ami**, the newest Reform congregation north of Steeles, has grown to 70 families, mostly young couples with children living in Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and North York.

Its full-time leader, Rabbi Nancy Wechsler, is completing her first year with the synagogue.

High Holy Day services will be held at Leo Baeck Day School, Kenton Rd.

Beginning in August, Friday night services are being moved to the Leo Baeck Day School

The Saturday morning services and Shabbat Family Time will continue to be held at that location.

Youth programs offered

An innovation is taking place this year in the High Holy Day services at **Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation** on Clark Ave.

An educational service will be held in the Social Hall led by Or Someyach. Both synagogue members and non-members may attend.

Regular services will be held in the main sanctuary and chapel.

Beth Avraham Yoseph has a wide-ranging and active youth program involving 700 children in programs as varied as cooking, karate and mechanics. In September, two new programs are being added, a mother and child one in the morning, for pre-schoolers, and a latch-key one for children who need a place to be for an hour or two in the afternoon while parents work.

Shaareh Haim, a Conservative synagogue, is gearing up for its second High Holy Day services in its new premises under the leadership of Rabbi Lawrence Troster.

This year there will be a leader for youth services as well as teen group discussions. Baby sitting and changing facilities for infants will be available. Toys are being collected for the children to play with while their parents are at services.

There will be a second service as well as the main service.

The synagogue has appointed Helene Rudolph as its executive director.

The synagogue has initiated a first-year free membership for couples holding their weddings at the shul.

Recently it had its first annual Sunday Funday which included a children's concert and hot dog lunch, a clown and door prizes

The three former cinemas at Thornhill Square will be the location this year of High Holy Day services for **Am Echad Congregation**.

The cinemas are now the permanent site of the congregation under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi David Cooper.

There are plans to organize a members choir.

The mall has built a parking deck on the second floor which will allow easier access to the synagogue for the disabled.

The first renovations in 20 years to the sanctuary at **Temple Har Zion** will be completed in time for High Holiday services in 1992. Also completed by that time will be a storey-and-one-half addition in the present courtyard with a second social hall, classrooms for nursery and kindergarten and a small chapel that will double as a classroom and meeting space.

The sanctuary renovations include a new ark and bimah.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Temple Har Zion which began in a house on the site.

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North of Steeles

Rabbi at Temple Kol Ami

Wechsler leads family oriented program

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Temple Kol Ami, one of Canada's newest Reform congregations, is active and flourishing thanks to its spiritual leader and cantor Rabbi Nancy Wechsler.

Wechsler, who hails from northern California and is a graduate of Hebrew Union College in New York, has seen the north of Steeles congregation double in membership since she took over the helm in July of last year.

Wechsler says that when she came to Kol Ami one of her goals was to involve parents and children in the learning process. "Parallel track learning is very important. I want children to know that their parents care about Judaism. This gives them a positive message about their religion."

A result of this goal is the popular family oriented religious school program. "Families come on Shabbat morning and we have a small program for children and their parents.

Torah studies class

"Afterwards, when children go to classes, parents attend a Torah studies class and service and then at 11:30 they come back together for a family program which could be an art project, Bible stories or a Hebrew dance program. We end the program with kiddish and challah."

Another high priority for Wechsler is the National Reform Social Action Committee, of which she was co-ordinator last year. "The committee's job is to stimulate social action programs amongst the 25 Reform congregations in Canada. Since the committee was established, the congregations have become more aware of each other and the program on which they are working."

She adds that the goal of the committee is to "create a spirited community of active, thinking Jewish families and singles."

Of Temple Kol Ami, Wechsler says that part of its success is the fact that it is such a new congregation. "This is the first time many of our members have joined a congregation and it really is exciting for all of them to come together."

She says that often in an established congregation it takes a long time to become part of the inner workings. "There is an intimacy, however, in being part of the launching of a synagogue. People can become part of the inner workings immediately and because no one really knows each other well, everyone is anxious to become friends."

Community events planned

Wechsler says that there is really something wonderful about a small congregation but "building a building, maintaining staff and having good programs such as week-end retreats are not possible without more members. I hope to attract these members on the strength of such things as our programs, religious school social events and by word of mouth."

She adds that she has some community events planned in the coming season which should serve to inform more people in Vaughan and Richmond Hill about the congregation.

Wechsler stresses that Kol Ami provides a wonderful opportunity for Jewish people "on the periphery to join in and feel welcome."

She says that as the only woman senior rabbi in Toronto, "my colleagues in the city have been wonderful. My rabbinic and education colleagues have been both supportive and interested in me."

She says that she does not like to think of herself as a woman rabbi but rather, as a rabbi. "I have a vision of creating a Jewish community that is healthy, upbeat and participitory and I am forging ahead to create it."

She adds that this kind of vision requires a lot of participation and "I am blessed with the quality of people who join this congregation. They are people who started services in private homes about two years ago and took the risk to hire me and begin an active, viable congregation. They based their actions on the faith that there was a need in the region for a Reform congregation."

She praises Toronto's Reform community for its generosity in getting Kol Ami such things as a grant, office space, a loan and prayer books. "It is this attitude of generosity that attracted me to Toronto in the first place. There is a willingness to see Temple Kol Ami make it."

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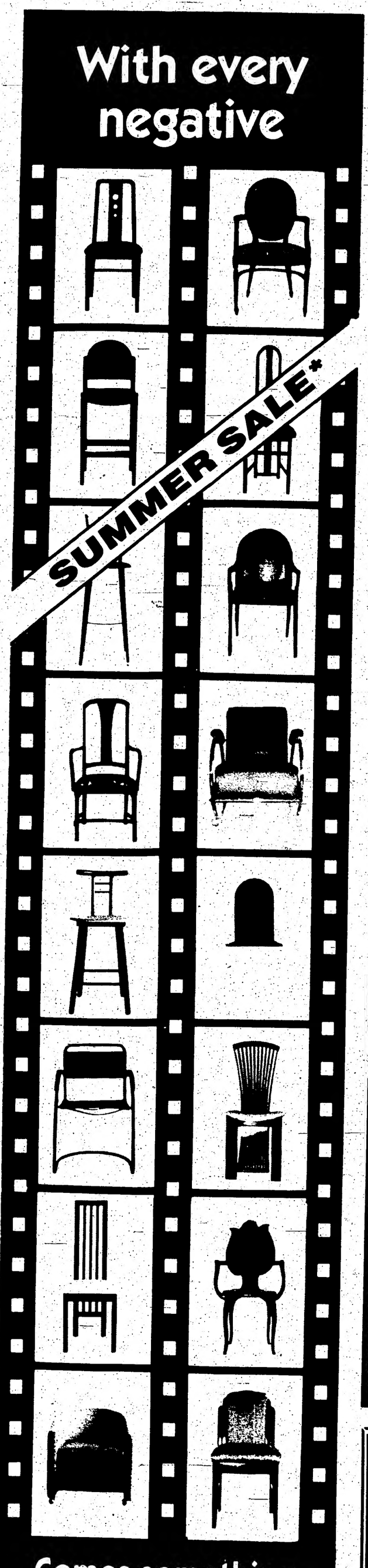

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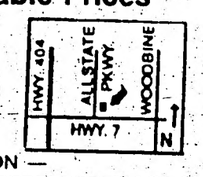

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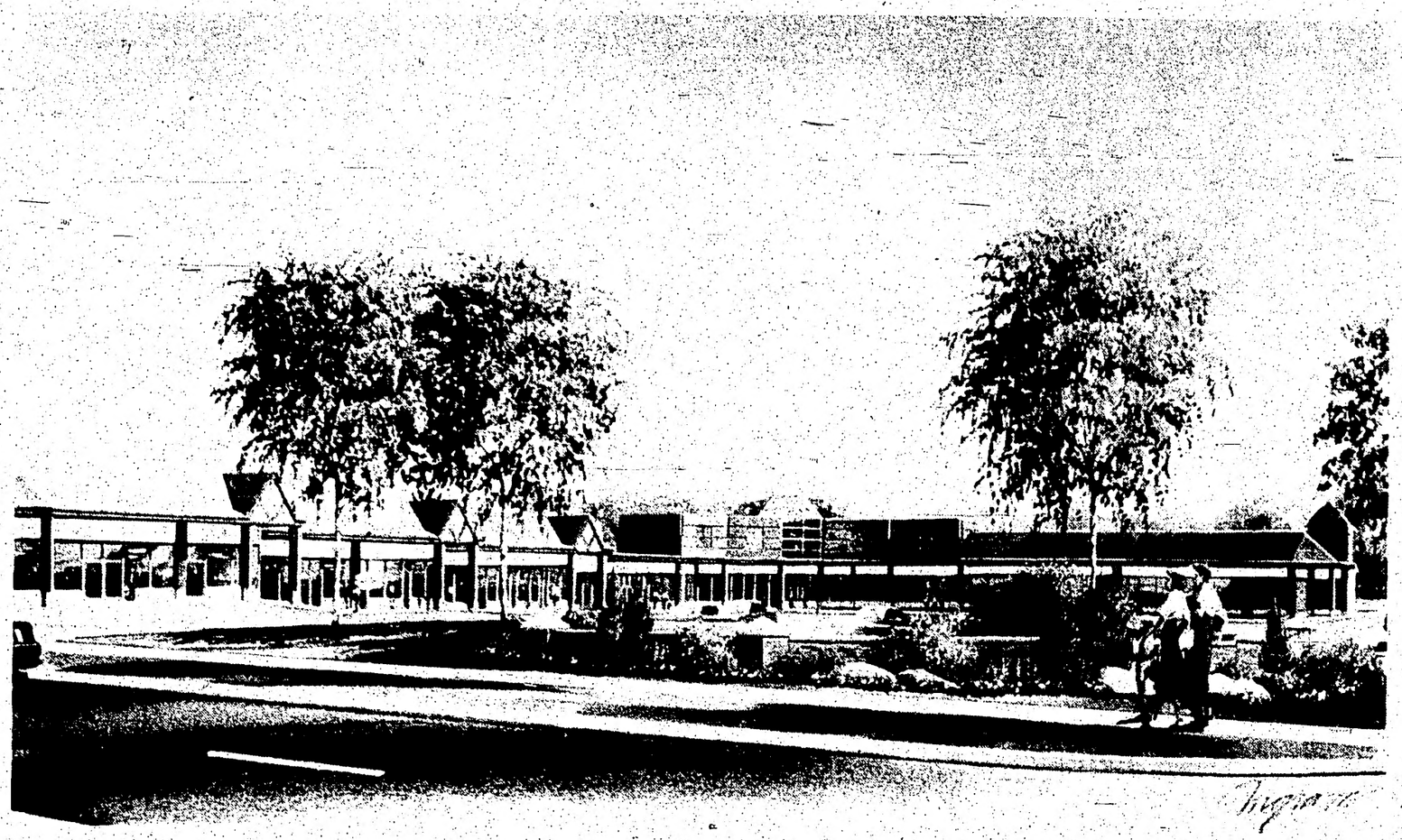

Lower Village shops in the Bayview Hills subdivision.

Shopping malls keeping pace with growth

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

With so many people moving north of Steeles each year, consumption in the area increases and shopping malls continue to grow.

Doncrest Marketplace, a 60,000 sq. foot retail strip plaza at Highway 7 and Valleymede that opened about two years ago, is located at an intersection that gives shoppers, whether walking or driving, easy access from the street.

The mall includes services such as a bank, video store, fast food restaurant and pharmacy as well as a striking two level atrium with offices on the second floor.

Shops of the Parkway, at Highway 7 and East Beaver Creek, is a 5-month-old, 40,000 foot enclosed mall that houses up to approximately 40 stores and services.

The mall is directly connected to both the Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Best Western Hotel so vacationers and business people have direct access to shopping.

Skylights, marble finishings featured

What is outstanding about the mall, in addition to the many fashion, accessory and boutique type stores, are the skylights and marble finishings found throughout as well as three levels of underground parking.

The Shops on Steeles and 404 is located on a 17 acre site with a total retail area of about 267,000 sq. feet and office space of about 18,000 sq. feet.

The 45 stores and services are housed in an area that is decorated with coffered ceilings and gently illuminated greenhouse entrances.

Shopping is enhanced by the occasional seminar for shoppers such as a recent one on how to get the most for your clothing dollar.

Lower Village Shops, located in the Bayview Hills subdivision, at the corner of Spadina and 16th Ave. in Richmond Hill is a new mall owned and developed by the Glen Group. Some stores and services are now open in the open air strip plaza, with others due to open towards the end of the summer.

The plaza, mostly of a convenience nature with such stores as a pharmacy, high-end grocery store, decorating store and hair dresser was designed by architects Crang & Boake. It is enhanced by a striking covered walkway, copper piping and cedar shingle awnings.

The Promenade Shopping Centre on Bathurst St. north of Steeles and the Promenade Shops at the corner of Bathurst and Centre streets also owned by the Glen Group continue to flourish. The Bulk Barn, with everything from soup to nuts, is one of the newest additions to the mall. Kosher patrons will be delighted to note that Perl's Kosher Meats is due to open in the Promenade Shops in late summer, and a kosher food section is being planned.

Another new plaza, **Wycliffe Village,** located near Highway 7 on Bayview, is anchored by a Loeb's supermarket. The stores and services are enhanced by a glassed-in atrium.

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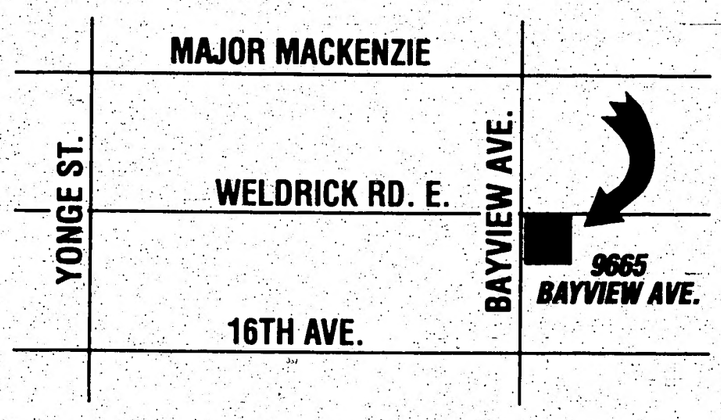

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Arts

Rabbi Plaut traces origins of Magen David

Jewish star's hexagram found in most cultures

The Magen David, by W. Gunther Plaut (B'nai B'rith Books, cloth $29.95, paper $16.50).

How ancient is the six-pointed star, known as the Shield of David or Magen David? How did it become associated with the Jewish people? Is it the most distinctive or worthy of Jewish symbols? Does it have any religious significance? Why is it sometimes called the Seal of Solomon? When was it adopted as Israel's national flag? Is it proper to regard it with affection after its use by the Nazis as a mark of shame and persecution?

In seeking answers to these and similar questions, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, takes the reader on an absorbing journey through the centuries.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The hexagram is found in almost all cultures and in all ages — in Christian shrines, in the Islamic world, on medieval Lithuanian and Polish banners, on public buildings and monuments as well as on utensils and in manuscripts.

Canada, notes the author, "presents its contribution to the hexagram's ubiquity. A hexagram appears on stained-glass windows in the [Anglican] Church of the Redeemer in Toronto and in the foyer of the library of Osgoode Hall."

In any case, the familiar entwined triangles — whether they be regarded as a geometric design, perfect shape or mystical symbol — have a long history without any specific Jewish associations.

Actually, the star is not mentioned in the Bible or Talmud or in Jewish-Hellenistic literature. Surprisingly, despite its seeming omnipresence it rarely occurs on Jewish antiquities, even during the middle ages. Apart from one tombstone in southern Italy, there is no trace of it either on synagogues, graves or cult objects.

The hexagram is not referred to as the Shield of David earlier than the 14th century. At that time Charles the Fourth, King of Bohemia, who acceded to the throne of the Holy Roman Empire, became a protector of the Jewish community and permitted it to display a distinctive flag. "Red colored, with a yellow Magen David, it was subsequently on view in the city's premier synagogue."

By the 17th century, the star was widely acknowledged as the official emblem of the Jews of Prague, but apart from Vienna and Amsterdam, didn't spread much further until the onset of the French Revolution.

The period of the Emancipation, following the revolution, carried the symbol into Germany and then to the Jewish masses of Eastern Europe. "Synagogues, Torah mantles, Ark curtains, and other religious objects created at the time were now frequently adorned with it." Gradually it would evolve into a recognized Jewish religious symbol, a counterpoint to the Christian cross.

How the Magen David became the central design on the Zionist banner is rather involved and controversial. Blue and white were chosen because they were the traditional colors of the tallit or prayer shawl. As a result of prolonged discussion and compromise, a banner with the Magen David was unfurled at the Second Zionist Congress in Basel in 1898. It became the national flag of Israel when adopted by the Provisional Council of the State in October 1948, just 50 years later.

For Jews who emerged from the nightmare of the war years, the Magen David was not only a reminder of the Nazi horror, but also, in the words of Gershom Scholem, a symbol of triumph "worthy of illuminating the path of life and reconstruction," a sign of hope for the future.

Rabbi Plaut traces the long and many-sided saga of the Magen David with both scholarship and verve. The book, enhanced by a wealth of well-chosen illustrations, deserve a wide readership.

Rocketeer takes off to fight past evils

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the late 1930s, when Hitler and his henchmen were riding high, comic books and grade-B movies — the symbols of popular culture in America — played on the fears of North Americans who feared a Nazi German invasion of the United States. The purveyors of that nightmare scenario cynically promoted that view despite its basic implausibility.

The Rocketeer, currently at Famous Players theatres, recreates that era in an action film which owes its inspiration to Steven Spielberg and George Lucas.

A throwback to the Saturday afternoon serials that captivated moviegoers in the 1930s and 1940s, *The Rocketeer* mixes the derring-do adventures of Spielberg's *Indiana Jones* with the technical wizardry of Lucas' *Star Wars*.

Cliff Secord (Bill Campbell), a dashing test pilot who bears a passing resemblance to the young Jimmy Stewart, is embroiled in intrigue after finding a streamlined rocket pack hastily abandoned by a crook in an airplane hangar. The FBI, the underworld and a Nazi agent pursue Secord and his unwitting accomplice (Jennifer Connelly) in a frantic bid to retrieve the prized late-1930s marvel of technology.

In an imagined newsreel which meshes seamlessly with *The Rocketeer*, swarms of menacing Nazi rocketmen converge on Washington's Capitol Hill, threatening to conquer the seat of the United States government. Today, Germany. Tomorrow, the world.

On a purely kitschy level, it's an effective gimmick, as is Timothy Dalton's tongue-in-cheek portrayal of Hollywood actor Neville Sinclair, who's a dead ringer for the dashing Errol Flynn, who was suspected of Nazi-sympathies. Dalton's pseudo German accent (he savors the enjoyment of curling his tongue around the word *fazerland*) can be amusing.

Marilyn Vance-Straker's period costumes and Jim Bissell's stylized sets (the Art Deco South Seas Cafe is a work of art) immeasurably enhance *The Rocketeer*.

Appearing in secondary roles are an oddly subdued Alan Arkin as Secord's ace mechanic and Paul Sorvino as a mobster whose patriotism overwhelms his dishonesty.

Although *The Rocketeer* has fine production values, it is strangely uncompelling. Amid the commotion, Joe Johnston's picture never quite establishes a clear identity of its own. The body is there, but the spirit is missing.

SNIPPETS...

•The fickle finger of fate looms large in Mike Nichols's *Regarding Henry*, now playing at Famous Players theatres. Henry Turner (Harrison Ford), a tough, successful New York lawyer, is cut down in his prime by a gunshot wound to his head. As he convalesces, he changes into a nice, caring person with a far different outlook on life. Although Ford holds his own, the film really belongs to Annette Bening, his wife, Mikki Allen, his daughter and Bill Nunn, his physical therapist. *Regarding Henry* is sometimes too pat, but it generally works its wonders.

•It's debatable whether *Citizen Kane*, Orson Welles' thinly disguised filmography on newspaper tycoon William Randolf Hearst, is the greatest picture ever made in the United States. But if it isn't, this 1941 classic sure comes close. Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Citizen Kane* turns on betrayed idealism and cynicism in the hurly burly of daily journalism.

It is technically innovative (the play of light and shadow, the taut closeups) and marvellously acted. Welles is Charles Foster Kane, the ebullient, self-centred publisher. His canny Jewish business manager, Bernstein, is portrayed by Everett Sloane. "Rosebud," Kane's last dying word, touches off an exhaustive investigation which turns out to be something of a clever red herring. *Citizen Kane* is a tour de force.

•*Everybody's Fine*, an Italian film by Giuseppe Tornatore, deals with universal themes: a father's hopes for his children and the loneliness of old age.

Matteo Scuro (Marcello Mastroianni), a pensioner, travels across Italy to visit his five children and to try to convince them to attend a reunion of sorts. Disillusionment gradually sets in as he discovers that his offspring are less successful — or caring — than he has imagined. To his disappointment, Matteo also learns that his country is not as beautiful as he thought back home in rural Sicily.

Everybody's Fine, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is a deeply-felt, affecting picture.

•*The Naked Gun 2½* is uproarious, a comedy that pokes fun at politics and social causes and sends the American First Lady, Barbara Bush (or at least a look-alike), reeling. Leslie Nielsen, the centre of attention, plays a jaded detective, while Robert Goulet and Priscilla Presley portray a sleazy businessmen and sexy old flame, respectively. The laughs, though heavy-handed, gush forth endlessly. *The Naked Gun 2½* is at Famous Players theatres.

•*Terminator 2*, now at Famous Players theatres, represents a breakthrough in film in terms of its extraordinary computer-enhanced special effects. The pyrotechnics in James Cameron's $80 million science fiction blockbuster are simply stupendous. Arnold Schwarzenegger is a kinder, gentler cyborg (a robot with human features) who reappears to rescue a boy from certain death, do battle with a more advanced cyborg (Robert Patrick) and save the world from a nuclear holocaust. Schwarzenegger is not much of an actor (he doesn't utter a word for the first 40 minutes), but he projects a cool, steady presence.

Terminator, whose stunt work is superb, is altogether absorbing, although its endemic violence is a sad commentary on the film industry in general.

•*Boyz N The Hood* is didactic, absorbing and finally gut-wrenching, a stunning story of violence, fear and redemption in the black slums of Los Angeles. Director John Singleton takes some members of the black community to task for their shortcomings (drug and liquor abuse, as well as the plague of single-parent families), but offers up the hope that the cycle of hopelessness can be broken. It's at Famous Players theatres.

•*101 Dalmatians*, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is vintage Walt Disney, a first-rate animated film which adults can also enjoy. The dialogue crackles, the animation is vivid. Definitely worth seeing.

Workman heads to Mideast

TORONTO — Paul Workman has been appointed Middle East correspondent for CBC-TV National News. Based in Jerusalem, Workman has covered events in the Middle East since the outbreak of the conflict in the Gulf.

In making the announcement, chief news editor Tony Burman praised Workman's coverage of the Gulf War.

"Paul's reports from Israel at the outbreak of the war were among the most vivid portraits of the conflict aired during our special coverage," Burman said. "He is one of *The National's* most accomplished domestic reporters and a valuable addition to CBC's team."

Workman was *The National*'s senior Quebec reporter, based in Montreal since 1986. He has covered a number of national and international news events, from the political turmoil in Quebec to the revolutionary changes in Eastern Europe.

Workman has been with the CBC since 1975 when he worked as a general assignment reporter at CBOT in Ottawa.

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

A bouquet of plaudits to summer's pleasure-givers

By
FRANK RASKY

Summertime . . . and the entertainment is easy.

Following are a variety of creators in the arts who gave me considerable pleasure during the past couple of months.

Let's begin with three gifted Jewish entertainers I interviewed at the Stratford and Shaw Festivals.

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Tom Diamond

Laura Taler

Louis Negin

Donna Krasnow

Paul Lampert

Bayla Rae Goldman

Toronto actor **Louis Negin** co-stars as Lucius in Shakespeare's *Timon Of Athens*, running until Sept. 13 at the Stratford Festival (phone free from Toronto via 363-4471). He plays one of the three fair-weather friends showered with gifts by the wealthy Timon, who then turn their backs on him when their benefactor loses his money.

Negin is well known in showbiz circles for two things: his raconteur's wit and his resemblance to **Peter Lorre** (who was actually born Laszlo Lowenstein in Hungary). Negin portrayed the villainous Lorre-like character, Dr. Einstein, in *Arsenic And Old Lace* in Toronto a few seasons ago; and he hopes to star in a one-man show, *Peter Lorre Sings*, possibly co-produced by Elgin Theatre impresario **Marlene Smith** next year.

My favorite Negin story dates back to the 1950s, when he was one of a band of struggling Toronto actors living on unemployment insurance in between their $25 roles for CBC radio shows. Negin was waiting in a queue one Friday, fearful of the civil service ogress handing out unemployment cheques.

"She hated actors," he recalls. "And she knew that if they could find a job you were capable of doing, like working as a file clerk, you had to take it."

When it came his turn, she glanced at Negan icily and asked, "What else do you do besides act?"

He looked her straight in the eye and shut her up with his retort, "I'm a shepherd."

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Another look-alike is **Tom Diamond**, director of the **Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart** musical, *A Connecticut Yankee*, running until Oct. 25 at the Shaw Festival (phone free from Toronto via 361-1544). At 34, the curly-haired Winnipeger with a neon smile is a ringer for **Billy Crystal**, the comic star of *City Slickers*.

Diamond says he was born lucky. His father, **Perry**, a Winnipeg photographer, and his mother, **Betty**, a dietician, are both lovers of the arts. They supported him in his ambition when he became an actor at the age of eight in the Manitoba Theatre Centre's production of *Galileo*. And at 10, he was actually starring as the prince who inherits the throne in the Rainbow Stage production of the **Richard Rodgers** and **Oscar Hammerstein** musical, *The King And I*.

The onetime princeling is now organizing school tours for the Canadian Opera Company. "I'd like to see young audiences turned on by opera in the same way that mass audiences are turned on by old-fashioned musicals like *The Connecticut Yankee*," he says. "What could be nicer than watching people leave the theatre, with big smiles on their faces and humming the tunes?"

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Likewise the product of an arts-oriented home is **Paul Lampert**, an introverted, 33-year-old redhead from Warsaw, who claims, "I rarely lose my temper, despite the ginger color of my hair."

He's the director of two classics at the Shaw Festival. One is **Bernard Shaw's** anti-medical lampoon, *The Doctor's Dilemma* (running until Oct. 13). The other is **Luigi Pirandello's** satire on the public masks we all wear, *Henry IV* (running until Sept. 21).

Lampert's parents, **Lilian** and **Wojciech**, are both visual art designers, and his Canadian-born wife, **Kate Sullivan**, is a figurative and abstract artist. "I've read a lot of books on the history of Polish Judaism, because I'm interested in exploring my roots," he says. "I guess I've inherited the Jewish respect for education, which is the light that guides us in life."

As the assistant to the company's artistic director **Christopher Newton**, he's investigating the possibility of staging several non-English avant garde classics. Among them are **Eugene O'Neill's** *The Hairy Ape*; Swiss dramatist **Friedrich Durrenmatt's** black comedy, *The Visit* and the theatre of the absurd horror play, *Rhinoceros*, by the Jewish Romanian-born playwright, **Eugene Ionesco.**

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Comic fluff

If you're looking for a truly laid-back, lightweight piece of comic fluff that requires no thinking, I recommend **Sumner Arthur Long's** sex farce, *Never Too Late* (running until Sept. 8 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre, 5400 Dixie Rd., 238-0042). Based on an old movie starring **Paul Ford** and **Maureen O'Sullivan**, it deals with a pugnacious married man in his 50s whose meek wife unexpectedly becomes pregnant; in the process of giving birth, she turns into a strong-minded feminist.

Jamie Farr (formerly featured in the *M.A.S.H.* sitcom TV series) tends to bellow too much and **Dawn Greenhalgh** (a Stratford veteran who co-starred in *Bitter Friends* at the Leah Posluns Theatre) is a bit too bland in her worm-that-turned role. Nevertheless, I got a goodly number of belly laughs out of this warm-weather romp. Incidentally, Stage West's Jewish producer **Howard Pecht** promises **Neil Simon's** new hit, *Rumors*, next season.

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My tip of the hat goes to the following creators in the arts.

Fringe theatre festivals appear to be popping up all over this August. **Carol Pauker**, the 33-year-old former pie maker at Dufflet (Rosenberg) Pastries, is the Jewish co-ordinator who has cooked up with four colleagues Toronto's new theatre festival called SummerWorks. It consists of 35 one-act or short plays to be staged from Aug. 9 to 18 at Tarragon Extra Space, 30 Bridgman; Annex Theatre, 736 Bathurst; and Buddies In Bad Times Theatre, 142 George St. For information, phone 469-0889.

The intriguing titles of the playlets include: *Isn't It Rich: The Life And Raunchy Times of Actor Richard Burton; Gold Reflections Off Shiny Bi-cuspids Or Bimbos, Ballplayers and Elected Officials; I Slept With Tony Trouble: The Confessions Of A Hollywood Hustler;* and *Ficky Stingers.*

And **Allan Kaeja**, who with his choreographer wife **Karen Resnick Kaeja**, operate their own Toronto dance company, is co-founder of Toronto's first Dance Fringe Festival. A total of 35 independent choreographers, from Toronto, New York, Stockholm and other far-flung cities, will present contemporary works from Aug. 6 to 11 at the Winchester Theatre, 80 Winchester St.

The Jewish dancemakers from Toronto include **Bayla Rae Goldman, Donna Krasnow, Laura Taler** and **Karen Resnick Kaeja**. For ticket information, phone **Margaret Sirotich** at 360-6429.

Actress-singer **Ethel Kovenska**, known as "The First Lady of Israel's Habima National Theatre," will star at a concert of Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian songs, Aug. 6 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 630-6752. The host is Cantor **Louis Danto**. And the co-producers are the Association of Jews from the U.S.S.R. in Toronto and Toronto's Jewish Community Centre.

I look forward to seeing **Kimberly Glasco,** that dazzler from the National Ballet of Canada, who will be performing the *Black Swan Pas De Deux* with **Serge Lavoie** at Ontario Place Forum Aug. 6, 7 and 8.

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I bow out with this eloquent exit line from the American statesman **Adlai Stevenson** when paying homage to **Eleanor Roosevelt**:

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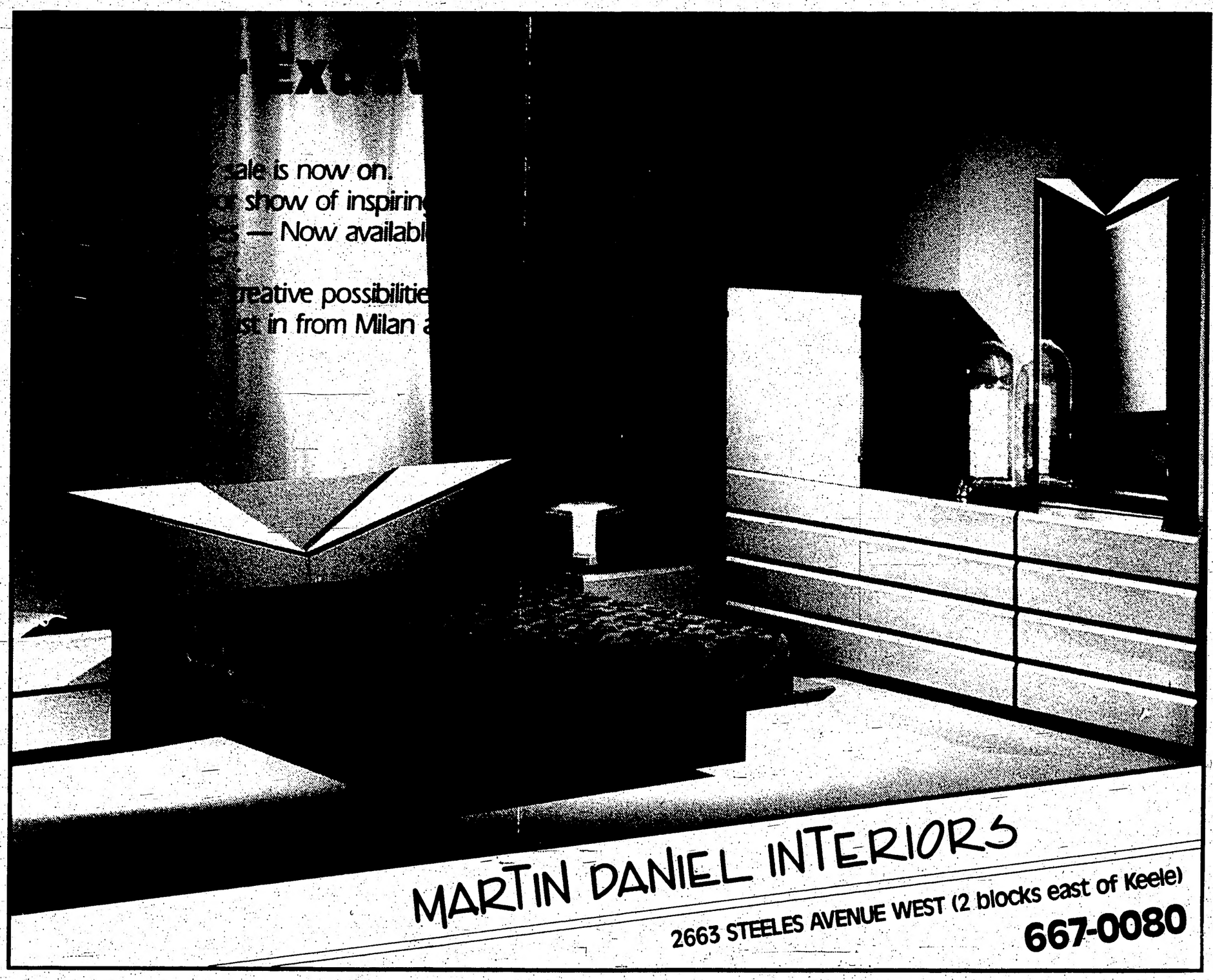

Arts

Miss Saigon's stage sets enhance Broadway play

By
GERRY MORRIS
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NEW YORK —

Miss Saigon, the new Broadway megamusical, is set dramatically against the background of the chaotic American evacuation of Saigon and the Vietnam aftermath.

The libretto of Puccini's perennially appealing *Madame Butterfly* provides the framework for this emotionally gripping opera-musical. It was created by the team of Claude-Michel Schonberg (composer) and lyricist Alain Boublil (joined in this case by Richard Maltby, Jr.) who did wonders with Victor Hugo's epic novel *Les Miserables*.

Instead of an unworldly geisha, *Miss Saigon's Butterfly* is a reluctant but earthy 17-year-old girl called Kim (Lea Salonga), who falls for Chris (Willy Falk), an American marine serving in Vietnam.

Vowing eternal love, the couple is wrenched apart by the confusion of the American exodus, leaving behind a desperate and pregnant Kim, while Chris is lifted out on the last helicopter and returns to the States.

Three years later Chris, now married, learns that Kim has survived and borne him a son, which prompts him to acknowledge that his personal mess parallels the political catastrophe.

He returns, out of guilt, with his American wife to Bangkok to claim the lost child, but as in the opera the heart-rending situation ends in tears.

The musical is directed with dramatic brilliance by Nicholas Hytner, whose staging is the musical's major strength. Production designer John Napier's magnificent sets delineate the sleaze and squalor of Saigon, and the high-tech stagecraft includes the much discussed full size helicopter scene, a two ton 30-foot-tall golden statue of Ho Chi Minh and the robotean marching of the Red Guards.

These ingenious stage splendors create an effect that is incredibly cinematic, and stretch the parameters of theatrical presentation to a most thrilling level.

Melodic music

Like *Les Miz*, this is a sung-through show: every word of the dialogue is set to music. Though it is not my idea of what a musical score should be, the music nonetheless is sufficiently melodic and the lyrics are sufficiently intense to sustain the impact of the tragic drama.

The show-stopping production number is *The American Dream*, a sardonic Brechtean hymn to American materialism, featuring a glittering white '50s Cadillac convertible bearing a brazen beauty queen.

This powerful, American-bashing segment is delivered with villainous zest by Jonathan Pryce, whose character is known as the "Engineer," a sleazy, manipulative Eurasian pimp trying to buy a visa out of the military bedlam.

"I speak Uncle Ho (Ho Chi Minh) and I think Uncle Sam," he says. The Engineer is the most original and ingratiating stage characterization to appear in a musical since Joel Grey's memorable interpretation of the German nightclub emcee in *Cabaret*. In *Miss Saigon* the Engineer exemplifies the evil side of collapsing Saigon through his own brand of decadence.

The classically-trained English actor Pryce, a performer of extraordinary range, and the 18-year-old Filipino actress Salonga are together the heart and soul of the show. Both give tremendous performances worthy of Tony Awards.

Salonga is a real find, with a voice to match her mesmerizing beauty. Willy Falk is first rate as Chris, and Hinton Battle is highly effective as the character who is trying to relieve the agony of abandoned Vietnamese women and children. The rest of the well-drilled cast includes a chorus line of Asian beauties, all adding up to an unforgettable ensemble presentation that's worth every penny of the high-price of the tough-to-get ticket.

Congratulations are in order to Toronto producers Ed and David Mirvish, who have been given the green light by city council to build a new 2,000-seat theatre just to house this London/Broadway hit.

If, in our growing metropolis, Toronto Blue Jays could break the major league atttendance record at the Dome, there's every reason to believe that the Mirvishes' presentation of the super-hyped *Miss Saigon* can top Broadway's "grand slam" $25 million advance, the greatest in theatrical history.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Broadway Theatre, 53rd & Broadway. For tickets call Theatre Direct Inc. (212) 541-8457 or Shubert Groups (212) 239-6262.

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A scene from the Broadway musical Miss Saigon.

Fishman, Rosenshein prove a hit at Yiddish music night in park

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Toronto has developed its own style of a Yiddish music night and recently a capacity crowd of 1,500 at Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park in North York gave it a standing ovation.

The ingredients:

The venerable entertainer Eva Eishman bantering with her band leader husband, Moishe Turk. "He used to chase me, now I wait for him."

Master of ceremonies Marvin Rosenshein hoisting his mother onto a stool and singing *My Yiddishe Momma* to her.

The Chai Dancers of the Jewish Community Centre with straw hats and canes, directed by Teme Kernerman, performing *New York, New York* with all the elan of women one-third their age.

It was a *haimishe* night of the first order with Fishman sharing secrets of her late-in-life *joie de vivre* as if she was confiding to friends at a luncheon. She also displayed her skills as a comedienne. When a flasher opened his coat and exposed himself in front of an elderly Jewish woman, she said that the woman exclaimed: "Oh my, what a terrrible lining."

Rosenshein, a talented performer, sensed the audience's urge to be part of the action, and bounded up the aisles and in among the spectators to lead singsongs, scooping up children to sit on stage while he sang to them.

When he sang *The Impossible Dream* he spotted a lad with a yarmulka making for the exit. He called him up on stage and asked the boy to look into the inky blackness to spot the star he was singing about. The lad's clear gestures of "Who are you trying to kid, mister?" were a perfect counterpoint to the song. That's show business!

At one point Fishman declared, "I don't *noodja* G-d, I just tell him what to do. Maybe he loves me, but I hope he doesn't take me yet."

The audience, a large portion of which could identify with Fishman in age, relished the references to her husband. "He's not yet 80, but I won't tell you how old I am."

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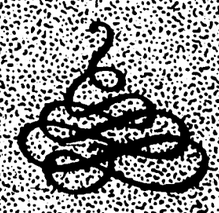

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Business Outlook

Eliminate travelling hassles

Financial tips make for enjoyable vacations

By ALLAN SCHLAR

Planning on travelling this summer? If so, here's some timely advice on how to keep the financial side of your vacation as care-free as possible. And these tips may be able to save you a little money and eliminate money hassles while you're travelling.

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(Allan Schlar is Royal Trust's partner and director, Demand and Electronic Banking Marketing.)

Voluntary withdrawal

Gerber pulls pacifier off shelves

TORONTO —

Gerber (Canada) Inc. and Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada has announced the voluntary withdrawal by Gerber of the NUK Nite Time Handleless Pacifier.

The pacifiers have a regular-sized nipple and the name NUK appears twice on the central button. The product is sold in blister packages bearing the model number 2503 and is recommended for children from four to 18 months of age. No other NUK product is affected by the withdrawal.

Gerber elected to remove the NUK Nite Time Handleless Pacifier from retail store shelves after reviewing with Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada a consumer report of a choking incident involving a 22-month old child.

"While this child was not seriously injured and there have been no instances of serious injury since this product was introduced in Canada during 1987, we share the concern of the Product Safety Branch of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada," said David Mosley, Gerber (Canada) general manager. "As a result, we have decided a voluntary withdrawal is in keeping with Gerber's high quality standards."

Federal Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Pierre Blais said, "I commend Gerber (Canada) Inc. on their responsible action in this matter, and urge parents and caregivers to stop using this NUK Nite Time Pacifier."

Mosley said consumers can obtain a new, replacement pacifier of a different design by returning their NUK Nite Time Pacifier (Model Number 2503) to Gerber, 56 Brockport Dr., Etobicoke, Ont. M9W 5N1. The replacement pacifiers are new and unique and feature a glow-in-the-dark handle that makes them easy to find in the dark, Mosley said.

Consumers with questions regarding the withdrawal may call Gerber at 1-800-4-GERBER, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Consumers who may have experienced similar problems with any other type of pacifier are requested to contact the nearest office of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

Charitable tax credit rarely claimed

TORONTO —

Only 30 per cent of Canadian tax filers claimed the charitable tax credit on their 1989 tax returns. Recent Statistics Canada figures indicate approximately 17.9 million Canadians filed tax returns for 1989, and only 5.2 million claimed the charitable tax credit. However, a previous Decima Research survey indicated that most Canadians (89 per cent) stated they made donations.

Although close to 200,000 more tax filers claimed the tax credit in 1989 than in 1988, many Canadians may not be aware of the benefits of the charitable tax credit when they file their returns.

"Canadians have had a difficult year coping with the economy. This year in particular, it makes more sense than ever to take advantage of the charitable tax credit," says Linda Mollenhauer, director of Imagine, the national awareness program to encourage giving and volunteering. "One of Imagine's tips to Canadians is to be sure to keep charitable receipts and report donations at tax time," she says.

Total reported donations for 1989 were $2.831 billion, up from $2.597 billion in 1988.

The average gift for tax filers claiming the charitable tax credit in 1989 was $546.07, up from $520.85 in 1988. However, this figure is higher than the true average because it only includes receipted donations made by tax filers; it does not include donations made by those who did not file tax returns or did not claim their charitable donations on their returns. A 1989 Decima survey indicated the average donations to non-religious organizations by individuals was approximately $50.

Imagine encourages Canadian individuals and companies to increase the time and money they give to charitable and non-profit causes of their choice. The program aims to make charitable giving and volunteering more meaningful and manageable for Canadians.

Imagine was launched in 1988 and is an initiative of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy.

Bank announces new appointment

TEL AVIV —

Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank, has announced that Yaakov Shtracher 45, has been named deputy regional manager for the Western Hemisphere, based in New York City. Shtracher served till now as manager of the Tel Aviv region of the bank.

He assumes this post abroad after serving as manager of the bank's branch in Manchester, England. Among other positions he has held at Bank Hapoalim was manager of the export and import department of the central branch.

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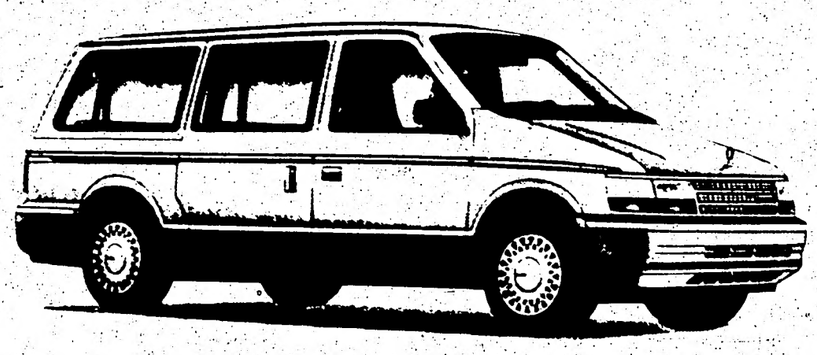
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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Elwyn serves disabled Israelis

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"Hands and hearts serving disabled people," is the motto for Jerusalem Elwyn, a non-profit, non-denominational organization helping mentally and multi-handicapped people.

Dr. Avi Ramot, the director of Jerusalem Elwyn was in Toronto recently to address the annual meeting of the Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn (CFJE) at the home of Jennie and Irwin Cass. The Canadian Friends' group was formed in 1988 as an outgrowth of the steady support which Canadians have shown towards Jerusalem Elwyn.

Ramot is a social worker who has devoted his career to helping individuals with developmental disabilities lead a more independent and dignified life through vocational rehabilitation, special education and training for self-sufficient living.

Jennie Cass, who is a co-chairman of CFJE with Dorothy Weiner and Syrma Kochberg, told The CJN that the major goal of the Canadian Friends is to approach Canadian foundations which support programs for handicapped individuals and to gain support from the community for Jerusalem Elwyn.

Cass explained that American Elwyn was established in 1852. "Over the years, the organization has developed an international reputation for creating comprehensive services for the mentally and physically disabled in North America and in Israel."

At the request of the government of the State of Israel, Jerusalem Elwyn was established in Israel in 1984 to serve the city's mentally handicapped people of all ages. As a result of the organization's success, several years later, Jerusalem Elwyn was asked by the Israeli government to assume the responsibility for The Jewish Village, an agency for the mentally disabled which was previously operated by the government.

The Swedish Village was founded with a grant from the Swedish government after the Second World War to commemorate 99 Jewish children who were killed by the Nazis while en route to Sweden.

Residents at the Swedish Village achieve considerable independence and some are employed at outside jobs or are working actively at the Millie Shime Centre, a rehabilitation centre.

In 1984, Manny Rotman, formerly of Toronto and now living in Jerusalem, recognized the outstanding work done by Elwyn and decided to help establish the first Jerusalem Elwyn workshops in memory of his late daughter Millie Shime.

Cass, Millie's sister, recruited friends and colleagues and under the guidance of the North American directors and representatives of Jerusalem Elwyn, she spearheaded the formation of the Canadian Friends to support Jerusalem Elwyn.

"The organization has grown and we hope to establish a strong core of caring friends for Elwyn," said Cass. Rotman, who is a member of the board of Jerusalem Elwyn and serves as a representative and liaison with the Canadian Friends, was in Toronto for the annual Canadian Friends meeting.

For more information on Jerusalem Elwyn or to send a donation, write to Canadian Friends of Elwyn, 161 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 604, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1J5 or call (416) 484-3745.

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Feuerstein receives award for work

VANCOUVER (JWB) — "We will not let the chromosomes have the last word."

Israeli educational psychologist Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, who was presented with the 1990 Humanitarian Award last month by Variety Clubs International during the annual convention here, said he isn't about to allow children to be defeated by genetic illness.

Feuerstein, director of Hadassah-WIZO's Canada Research Institute in Israel since 1965, started his work following the Second World War when he encountered thousands of displaced children whose ability to learn had been stunted.

Today, his methods of "mediated" learning are used in 550 Israeli schools and in more than 30 countries worldwide. His methods are used in the Vancouver school system and he was honored by the Vancouver school board at last year's Hadassah-WIZO national convention in Vancouver.

The award has not only been "offered to me for what I've done," Feuerstein told the Variety Club members, "but it represents my promise to continue your work of rescuing lives of children." (The goal of Variety clubs, which are made up mainly of people in the entertainment field, is to help handicapped children. There is a large Variety Club children's centre in Toronto).

Feuerstein said his program, "is not just a theory of hope: it is a theory of hard work demanding of parents, teachers and society not to accept the child as he is, but trying to change him for the best."

The honoree praised Vancouver resident Jeffrey Barnett, co-chairman of Variety International, and his wife Hildy, for becoming founding members of the Jerusalem Variety Centre for child and family development rehabilitation, which is now being established.

Stan Reynolds, president of Variety Clubs International, joined actress Bea Arthur (of the Golden Girls), in presenting the Humanitarian Award. He credited Feuerstein for having given life to children who, it was once thought, would never have a chance to lead a normal life.

International chairman Monty Hall praised the honoree for helping Ethiopian children to adapt to Israeli society and he described Feuerstein's involvement among Navajo Indian children in New Mexico.

Hadassah-WIZO national president Esther Matlow of Toronto attended the event. She is the successor to Vancouver's Naomi Frankenburg, who aided in the proposal to nominate Feuerstein for the award.

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